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WE are entering into the venture of HOBBIES as a hobby of our own. We are almost sentimental enough to say that it is the fulfillment of a dream. For six years we have been gathering material and visualizing the magazine that now blossoms forth. Naturally our readers are going to wonder who we are, why we are doing it and what it is all about.

WE are magazine publishers of long standing: we publish very successful magazines in highly specialized fields running up to 300 pages a month. Our magazines are the *Automatic Age*, *National Nut News*, *Turkey World* and *Marking Devices*. We have just sold the beautiful *Beach*

and *Pool Magazine* in order to put our capital and facilities back of HOBBIES. We own and operate a complete modern printing plant of our own, there are no mortgages on it—it is all paid for, we own our own building, we have a complete selling organization and a highly trained editorial staff.

WE have capital, experience and facilities to make a success of this new undertaking. We refer any and all of our readers to Dunn or Bradstreet or the Continental-Illinois National Bank of Chicago, the second largest financial institution in America.

WE wanted to say this about ourselves, because so many other magazines along similar lines have bobbed up now and then and have been short-lived. We want to establish a thorough confidence in the minds of our readers that at last a real publishing house has gotten behind the magazine for which there is undoubtedly a crying need. We will let our first issue speak for itself, although we admit it is very crude in comparison to what we intend to make it. We do not want to start big and drop down, we want to start small and grow larger. As a nucleus of what we plan to do we have purchased the "Philatelic West" known to collectors for 35 years, from the venerable publisher, L. T. Brodstone. The "Philatelic West" had already absorbed the "Collectors World" and several other similar magazines. We also purchased "Sports and Hobbies" from the well known publisher L. T. Mauritzen, who had just recently consolidated with "Hobby News." At this writing the combined circulation of the two magazines looks like it will run to at least six thousand. In addition we will have a newstand sale, covering the entire United States. The subscription list already includes almost every country on the globe.

OUR idea is to publish such a magazine as will get most everybody interested in some kind of a collection hobby. We will do more than has ever been done to bring new blood into the collecting industry. We will

have departments for each of the principal hobbies on a different tinted paper stock, so that the reader may turn first to his favorite hobby and then feast himself on the delectable news of other folks' hobbies.

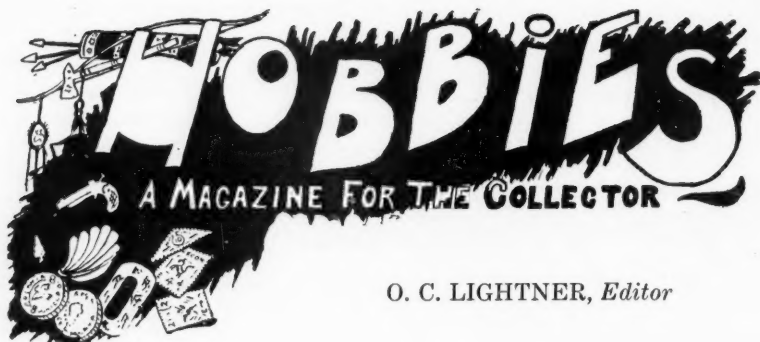
WE will not in any sense cover sport or personal hobbies of any kind; the book is primarily a collectors magazine and we will cover only collectors' hobbies. We want the enthusiastic help of every reader to make HOBBIES an outstanding magazine of national importance. It is surprising how many prominent men and women are already on the subscriptions list of the magazines we have purchased. With the effort we are putting behind it, no reader need feel backward about recommending it to any collector or prospective collector within the scope of his or her acquaintance.

WE need competent subscription and advertising representatives in all large cities, and anyone interested should get in touch with us as soon as possible.

I WILL have a message for you each month and as I travel a great deal, I will meet you face to face from time to time. We plan to organize hobby clubs in every city and promote hobby shows to stimulate collecting.

CERTAINLY we are pleased with the prospects. Let us all work together to make the magazine a credit to the wonderful field it covers.

O. C. Lightner

O. C. LIGHTNER, *Editor*

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Have You A Hobby?

A HOBBY is probably one of the best forms of life insurance that one can have. Doctors often recommend that their patients take up hobbies as relaxation and distraction from work. Doctors as a class favor hobbies of all sorts themselves.

Recreational workers, teachers, and psychologists, are well aware of the fine benefits to be derived from hobbies and early initiate boys and girls into the pleasure of collecting. It has been said that crime and gangland could be reduced to a minimum and probably wiped out entirely, were every boy encouraged early in life to pursue some kind of hobby. No matter what a boy's inclinations and tendencies are, they may be diverted if he is encouraged to adopt a hobby. He will be lead into new channels by dogs, whistles, stamps, insects, and innumerable other subjects. Likewise his hobby will enlarge his knowledge of the universe, administer to his spirit, and will contribute to a more interesting manhood and useful citizenship.

Hobbies are beginning to be recognized universally as safety values in the high

pressure and complications of present day living. A very important development in business is the interest that large business firms take in the hobbies of the employed. Almost every formal application blank in-

cludes the query, have you a hobby? You will rarely find a man who has a hobby, getting into trouble. He is generally too busy with his own interests to be getting into mischief.

One of the most fascinating things about a hobby is that you can never tell where it is going to lead you. If your interest in the subject is keen you become a veritable connoisseur. There is romance even in collecting so trivial a thing as a button. For example a woman in the East collects all sorts of buttons, strings them on a cord and has a serial story to tell every one who will listen to her tales.

William Harris, of Evansville, Indiana, was interested as a boy in firearms and carried his enthusiasm with him into manhood. He now has one of the finest collections of arms and the like that is to be seen in that part of the country. Isolated as he is on a little farm, he nevertheless attracts crowds

PEOPLE should be guarded against temptation to unlawful pleasures by furnishing them the means of innocent ones. In every community there must be pleasures, relaxations, and means of agreeable excitement; and if innocent are not furnished, resort will be had to criminal. Man was made to enjoy as well as to labor, and the state of society should be adapted to this principle of human nature.—Channing



Ye Olde Curiosity Shop

from all around the countryside. His collection has made him quite a historian and he likes nothing better than to have visitors drop in to converse with him about his treasures.

Naturally some persons have more of the collecting instinct than others. There are some individuals who save every interesting looking object with the hope of building a collection around it. There is in Chicago a woman who for years has been saving all kinds of objects imaginable and in her home on the South Side has what may be termed a private museum. In one room is a collection of Indian blankets, piled almost to the ceiling. In another is a collection of glasses and bottles; in others are books, china, antique furniture, pewter, copper, costumes, relics, and pictures and most important of all a wonderful collection of beads. These beads fill several trunks and constitute every type imaginable, garnered from every corner of the world.

Have you a hobby? Certainly if you have not, you should have one. Hours of keen enjoyment await you as a collector. You will never be bored if you have an interesting hobby. Your leisure hours may be made profitable ones, profitable in knowledge and financial reward. Many a collector has grown rich through his hobbies.

Of the less expensive hobbies, there are shells and stones, and the good old sport that

has survived from our grandparents day—collecting signatures. Some of these signature collections are remarkable for their number and their significance.

Since prohibition, the value of certain types of bottles, jugs, mugs, steins and whiskey bottle labels has mounted. Some of these articles have commanded unheard of prices because of their rarity.

Then there are the extensive hobbies of books and art collecting. The stories of high prices brought by rare books or works of art are well-known. Once initiated into these hobbies, one rarely forsakes them—for it is like having tasted some rare delicacy—it simply whets the appetite for more.

No matter how inexpensive the hobby may be which you choose, it will have worlds of significance to you. The collecting of insects will lead you unconsciously into the study of entomology. You will gather all sorts of interesting and related facts from your collecting. Your observation powers will be keener and more alert.

You will find, for instance, that collectors of campaign buttons and badges are astute historians. Stamps and coins have long been recognized as great educators and it is for this reason that they are presented so early to boys and girls.

Have you a hobby? If you have not, start today to pursue some avocation and you will find new avenues of delight.

UNUSUAL HOBBIES

This department carries news of novel collections. If you have an interesting hobby write to UNUSUAL HOBBIES DEPARTMENT.

New Handles

For uniqueness this hobby stands in a class by itself. A certain gentleman of whom we heard, spent most of the declining years of his life collecting the handles of galvanized buckets. He used to sally forth nearly every evening from his house in a new direction in search of a new handle. The buckets themselves he had no use for; the handles he continued to bring home until, at the time of his death, when the auctioneer was called, there were no fewer than 2,000 of them neatly stacked and labelled.

What started him on this strange quest no one knows, but it provided him with a hobby and an occupation, and to his trained eye there were no doubt subtle differences in the discovery of new handles which made his delight in the discovery of a new specimen as great as that of the collector of Egyptian mummies, whose spade suddenly uncovers a new tomb.

Daring but Interesting

Manhole covers are the dangerous trophies of another collector. Because of the hazardous element involved in obtaining his prizes, this man must go on the hunt for them after dark. He has fifty of them stamped with the names of different towns.

Oh Nurse!

This hair pulling sport is another dangerous hobby, a hobby which nearly cost the sportsman his life. He had a passion for hairs pulled from horses tails. With a passion for authenticity he was in the habit of pulling out specimens for himself until one day at a race meeting, the original owner objecting, lashed out with shod heels and kicked the collector into the hospital.

Heart Throbs

At an auction recently a collection of busks from women's corsets was offered for sale. The value of this collection, aside from its antiquity was its personal associations. There were said to be busks that had restrained the beating heart of Queen Elizabeth and many other women of good or ill repute.

Centuries Ago

Locks and keys in a great and varied assortment dating from the 15th century were recently offered at auction. Similar in idea to this is the collection now in existence of 500 knives and forks dating from the 16th to the 19th century.

Useful

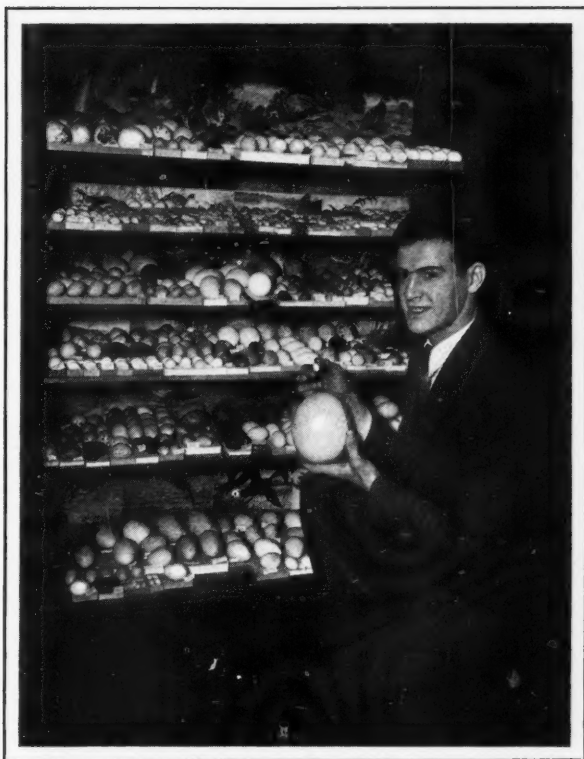
Making hickory walking sticks and giving them to his friends is the hobby of James Auten of North Bend, Illinois. During the six or seven years Mr. Auten has been making canes, he has produced about a half hundred. He presented five to the University hospital for patients to use while there.

Rapid Progress

An historical exhibit comprising more than 150 pieces over 100 years old was made at the Nelson Hotel, Rockford, Illinois recently as a part of the celebration of the invention of the McCormick reaper and binder. The exhibits showed with what primitive tools and household furnishings the people of this country were forced to contend before 1831, when the reaper was invented.

Boy's Bird Egg Collection

WHAT is believed to be one of the largest amateur's bird egg collections in the United States has been gathered by Linscott Hall, a Missouri boy, who has a government permit to collect eggs and who has been pursuing his interesting hobby for ten years. He has 800 eggs which he values at \$800. More than 260 species of birds are represented in the collection, which has been carefully arranged and tabulated. Young Hall sends an annual report to Washington concerning his finds during the year.



Courtesy Popular Mechanics

The Boys Will Like This

A. J. Willins, a candy-maker in Brighton, England, has been collecting whistles for ten years, and in that time he has obtained 300 varieties from all parts of the world. There are whistles shaped like soldiers, birds, baskets, horses, teapots, horses and water-cans.

One whistle was obtained from Sicily more than forty-one years ago. It represents a soldier in armor and another man on horseback, and is painted in many colors.

Then Mr. Willins has a collection of whistles that make the sounds of partridge, plover, snipe, pigeon, canary, cuckoo, and even the beautiful notes of the nightingale. Gamekeepers and bird fanciers often use whistles of this sort.

Boys here is the real surprise for you! Mr. Willins admits that he never blew any

of the 300 whistles, but that every one of them works.

Between Fires

Just what does a fireman do when he is not fighting fires or shining his engines is revealed in the pastime of Engine House No. 6, Syracuse, N. Y. Here the firemen pass their idle hours making doll houses for their children and friends. Tobacco cases and cardboard are used for material.

Oldtime Pictures

A. W. Brown, Asland, Wis., has made a hobby of collecting pictures of oldtimers of the Chequamegon area. He has piles of them, loose in boxes and more mounted in big frames under glass for exhibiting at the annual picnics of the Chequamegon Bay Old Settlers' Club.

Interesting Hobbies

QUEEN MARY is interested in almost every kind of antique. Her taste is extremely broad and includes old English china, miniature pieces and silver and furniture, small early Bristol-glass scent bottles, Oriental lacquer and little inlaid boxes of Tonbridge and other woodenware. Her sound knowledge of the distinction between the old genuine and the modern imitation in all these branches is such that many a professional experts might envy.

THE PRICE OF WALES is a collector in a modest way. He is the owner of an extremely rare set of early eighteenth century round silver saltcellars, known to collectors as "trencher-salts", of which any museum would be proud. He also possesses a half a dozen little tumbler cup made in the reigns of King Charles II, Queen Anne and King George I. These curious cups, which resemble the cups of modern vacuum flasks, once used to grace the festive boards of English universities. They are said to owe their name to their habit of tumbling over at the slightest touch. They are made in nests or sets, so that when not in use, they could be stowed one inside the other.

DR. C. M. WESTERMAN, makes a specialty of collecting elephants. He has more than a hundred of them, made of various substances and in all sizes from miniatures to those more than a foot high. He saves them because he says they bring him luck. He started his hobby 22 years ago when a patient of his gave him a tiny elephant carved of ivory. "It will bring good luck," said the patient.

MILDRED DILLING, America's great harpist, collect harps.

JASCHA HEIFETZ, noted violinist is an ardent collector of first editions of books.

SECRETARY OF WAR, HURLEY, is the recipient of many hats as gifts from his friends. He has a collection of sombreros from Texas, derbies from London, fedoras from Italy and silk hats from Fifth avenue. Each week he adds at least one new hat.

SIGMUND ROMBERG, the composer, has a famous library of music. It is said

to contain practically every musical score known today.

CHARLES BERNARD, of Savannah, Ga., retired circus treasurer, is a collector of circus items. He has a unique accumulation of circus literature, circus, theatrical and minstrel photographs, programs, bills, books and other souvenirs. He frequently reproduces photographs of his items for other collectors. An interesting article in his collection is a paper of April 14, 1865, advertising the cast of the play at Ford's Theatre at which performance Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

DAVID BELASCO is a collector of small replicas of elephants and miniature antiques. Intimate friends say that his collection is exceptionally valuable and he takes more pride in it than he does his theatrical career.

DAVID COHEN of New York owns what is probably one of the finest collections of fans. It is said to be better than those in the Metropolitan or British museums. He has more than 7,000 pieces in his exhibition, including specimens from the Egyptians and Persians of B. C. eras. There are Chinese fans, fans of filigree of rare beauty, lacquer, lace, mother of pearl, tortoise shell, precious metals, silk, skin and paper. Included in the collection is a fan made of ivory and lace, which was carried by a princess of the house of Orleans on her wedding day.

A DIRE THREAT



Gern. Lover—Be mine, Miss Microbe
"fuse me and I plunge to my doom
under vat!"

Why Not An Indian Relic Show and Exposition?

HOBBIES offers its pages to collectors of and dealers in Indian relics for the promulgation of a national Indian relic show as suggested in this article. Dealers, collectors, and other readers are invited to send in their views on the subject.

IN the face of all the lively interest and enthusiasm that is being evidenced for the preservation of Indian culture, could any time be more propitious than the present for the organizing of an Indian Relics Show and Exposition to be held soon at some centrally located city? It would be hard to vision the great benefits that would come to the collectors and dealers meeting at such a convention to discuss and display the various angles of those remnants of our "first Americans." Hundreds of Indian relic dealers and collectors alone, aided by the thousands of private collectors who can give each and all valuable expert advice and active, interested sponsorship, would guarantee almost certain success of such an excellent project.

The forming of an association and the sponsoring of such an exposition would likewise profitably stimulate the interest of a large new segment of the public. Certainly, there are few other hobbies that can be made so vital, so cultural and at the same time so significant to present and future Americans.

Plans for the Chicago Centennial of 1933 currently focuses much attention upon the Indian. To tie with this significant event a National Indian Relic Show, sponsored by a duly organized American Society of American Indian Relic collectors would capitalize free, and at the same time, highly valuable and free publicity to the fullest extent.

And Chicago, be it remembered, because of its fortuitous location, richness in indigenous Indian relics and its sympathy with Indian traditions is a logical center for such a relic and exposition show. Still fresh in the memories of many of its older citizens are those picturesque people, while along the Des Plaines river valley even today close to the heart of our present age, lies a favorite camping ground of the Indians and a burial place, a last remnant of a tribe who chose to amicably abide with the whites,

even though great reservations in the further west were thrown open to them. Even today, hundreds of Indians live in Chicago itself, members of this and other tribes from all over the country. They have their own organization and work side by side with their white friends.

Through the years, the Chicago Historical Society has assiduously collected Indian relics, while Ayer's Indian collection, housed in the Newberry Library is another outstanding public center of interest. There are dozens of other fine collections, both public and private, within the city and surrounding suburbs. Typical of this interest in Indian lore is the new community project recently instituted by the Wilmette (Ouilmette) Optimist's Club, an organization of that suburb's business men, who are financing the erection of a totem pole in memory of all the Tribes of the Great Spirit. Another place, not far from Chicago, and a favorite tourist site, is Starved Rock, a natural monument to the vanquished Indian. Here at Tonty's camping ground, an interest in the glamorous and glorious past is daily revived.

While the East, the West, the North and the South, are fertile fields for the archaeologists, there is nowhere in the land a more vital area of Indian history than the Cohokia Mound area of Illinois. The Great Cohokia mound, and its satellites, the lesser mounds, are second only to the Pyramids, as man made memorials of the past on the grand scale.

For these reasons, and others too numerous to mention in a short article, Chicago is deemed a logical center to sponsor and in which to hold an Indian Relic Exposition.

What an interesting display a National Indian Relic Society could bring forth! Interest in every community could be aroused and much valuable and additional material brought to light! Probably in every city, hamlet and rural community in the United

States an amateur or professional collector is to be found who could and would throw his shoulder to the wheel. Many a farmer plowing, has uncovered beautiful evidences of Indian life. Some farms, which are on actual past sites of Indian villages, are veritable museums of Indian art in themselves.

A cursory survey could hardly estimate the potentialities of an Indian relic show as outlined. All the interest of the nation and a goodly section of the Press could be

aroused for so significant an event.

Thus it is that there is every reason to look upon such a show, sponsored at this time by interested professional and amateur collectors of Indian relics, as successful and stimulating. Witness the exhibits of the collectors of other materials, such as books, stamps, armor and autograph letters—their name is legion. Can the collector of Indian relics do less, with the present tremendous opportunity so easily grasped?

AMERICANA TOPICS

Colonial and pioneer arts and handicrafts aside from their rarity possess beauty and historical values. Each year new adherents join the ranks of Americana and appreciation of these antiques grows apace.

Collecting Americana on a small scale is the hobby of M. I. S. Seidman of 125 West 45th St., New York. He is particularly interested in items gathered in and around New York. He first began to collect stamps. About five years ago he became interested in Americana and today has a very fine collection. Several large department stores in New York have from time to time employed Mr. Seiden to arrange exhibits of historical significance.

His metals and badges depicting the history of New York are of outstanding importance in his collection. Next September one of the leading banks of Manhattan will exhibit, for one month, his collection of the "Story of American Paper Money." He has neatly arranged this collection in twelve frames. His paper money collection dates from the early Colonial days to the present. He intends to exhibit this all over the country.

He is helping the Bi-centennial committee of the Washington Celebration with pictures of his medals of George Washington. This will help the committee to select a proper bust of Washington which will be used as the official medal of the celebration.

It is not generally known that Harvard University has one of the greatest collections of old time show bills to be found in this country. The main exhibits are the

collections of Robert Gould Shaw and Evert Jansen Wendell, both graduates of the institution. Mr. Shaw is the present curator of the dramatic division of the museum.

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The University of Virginia has been bequeathed a hitherto unknown portrait of George Washington, the work of Rembrandt Peale. Since the acquisition, stamp collectors have been expecting to see the new likeness adorn some of the postage issues. The late Mrs. Louis McLane Tiffany of Baltimore was the donor.

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Dr. Henry Menendez who died at his home in Sonora, Calif., recently, was the possessor of one of the finest collection of gold specimens and semi-precious stones in the West. His collection took several first prizes at State fairs and other exhibitions. Dr. Menendez was 76 years old and spent his entire life in Sonora.

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The one million dollar jewel collection of the late "Lucky" Baldwin, California mine operator and race horse owner, has been sold to Harry Winston, a Fifth avenue, New York jeweler.

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Mrs. L. E. Hill of Columbia, Mo., has one of the finest collections of antique furniture to be found in Missouri. Some of the pieces are more than 150 years old.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

THERE is no reason why collectors of various sorts could not organize propaganda for holding hobby shows in their own communities. In every community no matter how small, there are individuals who have assembled interesting articles and who could be counted upon to present material to form the nucleus of such a show. Beginners could be enlisted from the ranks of adults as well as school children.

Newspapers have long recognized the inherent interest people take in hobbies. Their most successful contests have been in line with this thought. Remarkable near-masterpieces have been produced by the participants, as these exhibitions revealed. Such appeals as flags, stamps, dogs, patch quilts and gardening have awakened the interest of whole communities.

Women's clubs throughout the country have built successful programs around hobby shows. Antiques, hand work, stamps, coins, sea shells, stones, Indian relics, buttons, ferns, and books have been some of the more popular things exhibited.

From time to time every city and town should have a hobby show, for there is nothing like it for arousing real interest and enthusiasm. Young and old alike can be counted upon for support, for one of the greatest pleasures that a collector has, is showing and explaining his treasures.

Probably one of the most important factors in organizing this community project is inviting the co-operation of the schools. Teachers are always glad and willing to lend support to such movement because of the fine educational opportunities. Local clubs and societies of all kinds can be approached for help.

The individuals who are known to have collections should be leaders in the scheme. All hobbies, particularly the less expensive ones such as post card, buttons, badges, marbles, shells and insects should be encouraged. As a final welding of the project, the co-operation of the local newspapers should be enlisted for publicity purposes.

The library, the city hall or any other suitable public buildings may be chosen as the place for display. The collections could be grouped by importance and by any kind. For example all of the coin, all of the badge

collections, and so on, should be shown in separate departments. This temporary display if successful could be revived annually.

To assure the maximum interest and co-operation in a community hobby show, prizes should be awarded for the best collections and the best arrangement of exhibits.

So successful have hobby shows been in many communities that they have broken into the national press. It is uncommon to read in the newspapers of unusual firearm collections, watches, stamp and coin collections which have been exhibited at community shows.

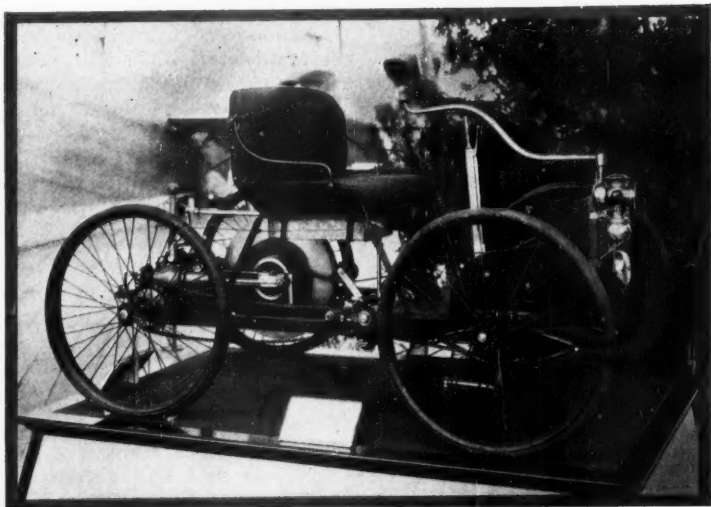
Not enough stress can be put upon the importance of a community hobby show. For sheer clean and interesting entertainment there is nothing equal to this project. Take for example so inexpensive a hobby as stone and rock collecting. It has lead many a collector into the mazes and wonders of geology.

Many a public bequest has fallen to a community because a citizen was interested in antiques, relics, flowers or other hobbies. Lombard, Illinois, has one of the most remarkable public lilac parks in existence because a Mr. Plum of that town was interested in collecting all of the known varieties of this shrub. Similarly a museum of antiques was opened August 27 of last year by the Earl of Midleton in the little town of Haselmere in Surrey England. Hundreds of other museums, too numerous to mention, have been the outgrowth of private collections.

In addition to these tangible and visible results there are other benefits to be derived from Community hobby shows, such for example, as civic entertainment, civic mindedness, and civic education. Inasmuch as a hobby show of this kind is a co-operative business, one can not always foretell just where a community hobby show will lead, for it has the happy faculty of producing many interesting surprises.

Talk over the prospects of a hobby show with the collectors in your city or village. Write to the hobby clubs that you may know or **HOBBIES** will be glad to send further suggestions.

Collecting Old Automobiles



The First Gasoline Automobile made by Henry Ford.

For an example of the rapid stride that the automobile has made let us look back to 1903, the time when the Ford Motor Company was first organized. How antique those models of that day and what great things have taken place in new designs, new models, accessories and general make-up of the "horseless carriage!"

The Ford Model "A," which is only twenty-seven years old, is a relic in the automobile industry. All of which only proves that we are living in a fast changing era, and that those old models of yesteryear will be the antiques in the automobile field of tomorrow. Certainly the person who buys up choice old models here and there now is laying the groundwork for a valuable and treasured collection.

Many automobile manufacturing concerns have appreciated the value of old cars and have arranged display museums to house their collection of old models.

George J. Remsburg, Porterville, Calif., writes of one Maynard L. Gottenburg, Silverton, Ore., who has apparently sensed the value of old automobiles. Mr. Gottenburg has made a collection of early models and has built several garages on his premises to house these relics. Among his prized possession are a Schact auto runabout show-

ing the first transition between the buggy and motor car; an early model of a Brush car; a Maxwell, one of the first ones built, which has traveled 283,000 miles and still has all of its original parts. There are many other interesting cars in the collection, many of which will, no doubt, increase in value as years go on.

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In line with the love for old automobiles are the collectors of license plates. A Los Angeles man collects such and in addition to the enjoyment which he receives from the quest, his hobby serves a utilitarian purpose as well. He has plated the roof of his home with his numerous varieties.

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Men are not alone in their love for things linked up with the horseless carriage. Miss Vera Bulat, also of Los Angeles, has gathered a large variety of automobile license plates.

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A specialty of Denton P. Hunneson of Kansas City, Mo., is the acquiring of photographs of celebrities in their motor cars. He has 10,000 of these stored in three large trunks.

Inexpensive Hobbies

HOBBIES need not involve the expenditure of large sums of money. In fact, there are dozens of hobbies which cost very little or nothing at all to carry on.

June Provines, columnist of "This Gala World" in the *Chicago Daily News*, recently sponsored the amusing hobby of collecting odd names. She roused the interest of the entire city and also the Middle West in this diverting sport. Some unusual name combination which appeared in her columns lately were Pearl Handle, Pearl Button, Blossom Bath, Christian Girl, Dr. Toothache (dentist), and Miss Ragsdale (dress-maker).

Mr. King's comic strip "Gasoline Alley" amusingly present Skeeze in the role of postmark collector. His postmarks reveal such interesting places as Jump River, Wisconsin; Kid, West Virginia; Okay, Oklahoma; Stem, North Carolina; Askum, Illinois; Little Turkey, Iowa and Blackhand, Ohio.

Many city children at one time or another save street car transfers. Boys especially, around the ages of ten and twelve, like to hoard them. Collecting campaign picture cards is another favorite hobby of school boys. At the present moment there is a near epidemic for saving pictures of moving picture actors and actresses. Little girls particularly take kindly to this hobby.

Some individuals have more of the collectors instinct than others and go through regular phases. Almost every girl of high school or college age saves dance programs, play bills, signatures and oddments for her "memory book." Saving party favors, invitations and announcement is somewhat parallel.

A hobby which has hit a few college men hard, is the collecting of signs, placards, public notices and so on. It is not at all unusual to see a fraternity room rigged out

with signs; "No Parking," "Detour," "Fresh Paint," "Road Closed," "Look out for pick-pockets," "\$10,000 reward for capture dead or alive," and the like.

Somewhat in line with this hobby is the collecting of automobile license plates. This and the accumulating of pipes seem to be exclusive masculine sports. Pipes, however may be an expensive as well as an inexpensive hobby.

During the war there was a widespread vogue for collecting small war mementoes—such as buttons from soldiers' and sailors' uniforms, tag day badges and pins, liberty loan buttons and the like. This is still carried on by some individuals who continue to save tag day badges.

M. A. Richards of Ticonderoga, New York makes a specialty of saving match box labels. He has at the present time the sum total of 14,000 different match box labels.

Mrs. S. Schuster of Chicago from earliest childhood had a penchant for hoarding fancy boxes. To this day she can not resist putting away a neat and beautifully designed box. This is somewhat in line with the hobby many children follow of saving sample boxes and tins, either from the standpoint of a novel collection or for playing store later.

There are other little hobbies which are followed by young and old alike, such as the collecting of bottle tops, ribbons, fancy papers, keys, spools, buttons, tin foil cigar wrappers, fancy linings from envelopes and other articles too numerous to mention.

A very novel hobby indulged in by a Princeton graduate is the collecting of legs: legs from broken statues dolls legs, discarded display legs and so on. During his extensive travels around the world he seeks out these rarities and has accumulated a trunk load of them.

Here and There With Collectors

Badges and Buttons

Two years ago Orbra E. King, of College Heights, Bowling Green, Ky., started to make a collection of badges of the various candidates for national office. He now has a collection of about 450 badges and buttons, representing nearly one hundred years of political history. The earliest badges are of various metals such as brass, lead, copper and so on, and contain all kinds of political slogans such as "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too," "Free Soil, Free Labor Free Speech and Fremont," Lincoln's "The Rail-splitter of the West" and many others.

Some of the odd and unusual items in the collection include a brass match box head of McKinley, a "Lock to the White House," Taft 1908, a silk handkerchief with photographs of Harrison & Reid, many watch fobs, finger rings, cuff buttons, tin horns—"I'm tootin' for Blaine"—and many others.

Mr. King also collects buttons of noted senators, governors and so on. He hopes in time to have the finest collection of its kind in America. Among the unusual campaign cards he possesses in one labeled "Sons of Wild Jackasses." He has buttons of Borah, Frasier, Capper, Schall and others. Another has a list of politicians such as Mark Hanna, Jim Reed and Boies Penrose. There is a group of "also rans" such as Oscar Underwood for president. Judson Harmon for president, James E. Watson for president, and many other men who failed to be nominated. There are buttons of Theodore Roosevelt for governor, Frank O. Lowden for governor and James M. Cox for governor.

Greeting Cards

A unique and new hobby, the collecting of Christmas cards of famous people, is sponsored by Mr. Irwin B. Sabath of the Sabath Stamp Company of Chicago. He has cards which originally belonged to Thomas Meighan, movie star, Alexander Gray and Bernard Granville and most of the cast of the "Desert Song." Ex-president Coolidge's card is an etching of note. He became interested in this hobby several

years ago when he was employed by a large greeting card company.

He has in his collection, cards from more than 150 movie stars, politicians and authors. The cards feature a wide variety of subjects, humorous and sublime.

Handcuffs

Collecting handcuffs is the novel hobby of M. A. Gill of Kansas City, Mo. He is the leading collectors of "cuffs" thumbcuffs, navy irons and manacles in the United States. Hundreds of these adorn the walls of his home. Included in the unique display of torture instrument are 55 handcuffs, each of which has been locked about the wrists of murderers. The oldest handcuff in the collection was made in 1620.

A pair of Palmer's navy irons patented in 1876, which came out of the prison cell of the battleship Maine, adorn one corner of the room. They were purchased by Gill at an auction at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

To Gill, the most interesting part of handcuffs in the collection is that used to murder Sheriff Homer Teaff of Muskogee, Okla., on June 24, 1922. John Welch, a negro prisoner in the custody of Teaff, killed the sheriff by beating him on the head with the "cuffs" and escaped. Two weeks later he was captured. Gill tried several months to get the handcuffs and was finally successful at the Kansas Peace Officer's Convention held in Wichita, Kansas.

From the Snowdrifts

Esquimaux relics found eight feet below the surface of the snow, on Southampton Island in the Hudson Bay region, were collected by Inspector French of the N. W. M. P. who was stationed in this territory for three years. They are now the property of Les Bannurman of Winnipeg.

And None Alike

Baskets of every size and shape, from a pin tray to a clothes basket, and not one alike, is the boast of Mrs. G. E. Bissonnet



Another Memory of the Past

of Omaha, Neb. She has about 90 baskets in her home on view, others are stored away in huge boxes. She has secured her collection of Indian baskets from different parts of the country over the past 20 years.

Helpful

Many years ago Mr. Willard Allen Colcord of Takoma Park, Mo., indulged in the hobby of making scrap books of items pertaining to animals. These proved to be valuable as source books when he decided to write animal stories. His books, but recently published, are: "Animal Land" and "Wings and Paws." He is more than 70 years old and says he hopes to see his books placed in every orphan home in the country.

Valuable

A college professor in Texas has what is believed to be one of the most comprehensive collections of Robert Browning in the world. It includes the portrait which Robert Barrett Browning painted of his father.

Pitchers

Mrs. W. W. Pickering, wife of the proprietor of the hotel in Noel, southern Missouri, has a remarkable collection of pitchers.

She has more than 1,130 specimens in her collection which includes every conceivable pitcher in existence. Her cafe is filled with these interesting and decorative pieces. Among them are pitchers of all sizes, rare pitchers, curious pitchers, beautiful pitchers, pitchers trivial or costly. They come from all corners of the earth and are worthy of a place in a museum.

An Odd Museum

Joe Cook, comedian, has an odd museum at his New Jersey home. It contains any object one can name which is no larger than a man's hand.

Play Bill

There is in Chicago, a devotee of the theatre who has during the past thirty-five or forty years assembled a remarkable group of play bills. Among them are some rare and amusing pieces.

Autographs
W. C. C. Lipton

Collecting and Cartooning

Tom Sanders, a widely known artist of Atlanta, Ga., is planning to write a book some of these days when he finds a little spare time. His chosen subject is an interesting one, too, because it deals with the artist's experiences in obtaining 200 world-famous autographs.

Mr. Sanders' collection contains such names as Calvin Coolidge, Woodrow Wilson, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Sir Thomas Lipton, Babe Ruth, Amos 'n' Andy, Will Rogers, Irvin S. Cobb, Floyd Gibbons, numerous movie stars, and one hundred and ninety more names equally as interesting.

That's just one phase of his distinction as a collector, however, for he has received from every leading funny picture creature creator in the United States especially drawn specimens of the leading characters in the cartoon life of America. All of these bear his own name, written by the creators of the patricular cartoon.

Babson Chooses Autographs

Roger W. Babson, well-known statistical expert, has a hobby of collecting signatures, and has confined his specimens to letters and written communications of famous people in the world's history in which some part of their lives are set forth by their own writings to friends, and correspondents. He has the letter written to Longfellow by James Russell Lowell; one written by Charles Dickens, and a real prize note is one written by P. T. Barnum, the circus king, who has the reputation of never answering his mail. In the Barnum note are instructions to the printer for some engraved business cards. In the treasured collection is a note also, written by General

Pershing. It bears the date November, 1919, and was written on the letterhead of a liner when the General was returning to America from France. It tells of his acceptance to attend a memorial meeting on the steamship.

Bell Hop of Autographs Passes On

Philadelphia lost one of its most versatile and persistent collectors of autographs when William Cooper of that city died. The late Mr. Cooper, for twenty-six years, was a bell hop at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel. His work brought him in contact and acquaintance with many famous people who visited the hostelry and likewise afforded him a fine opportunity for the pursuit of his hobby. His collection included such names as President Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson and Harding's signatures on menu cards; General Diaz, Marshal Foch and Joffre and General Pershing.

1,000 Prominent Names

When Seymour Halpern, 17-year-old high school student of Jamaica, N. Y. received the signed photograph of the late Georges Clemenceau, autograph collectors sighed with envy. But perhaps that was only one of the many times which this student has had his signatures of famous people coveted, for he has more than 1,000 prominent, and some of them universally known names on his list.

As an evidence that it does not take a lifetime to make a collection it might be said that the youth has been pursuing this hobby only since November, 1928. Some of the names that are in his signature roster are those of Admiral Richard Byrd, ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, of Germany; George Bernard Shaw, Calvin Coolidge, President Hoover,

Professor Albert Einstein, Helen Keller and many others.

With Other Devotees

David Bensman, Two Rivers, Wis., claims one of the largest autographed photograph collections in the world. It includes photographs from Henry Ford, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and many other famous statesmen and business executives.

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Will Reed, cartoonist of Los Angeles, Calif., finds the collecting of stamps and autographs much to his hobby likings, and has several good specimens to his credit.

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Autographs of governors is the hobby of a man at Richmond, Hill, N. Y. These names are written on a map. His map now contains the signatures of nearly every governor east of the Mississippi River, and he has sent it on its journey westward.

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Constance Collier collects autographs of celebrities on a huge mirror which she has in her London apartment. They are written on the glass with a diamond cutter.

Selling Autographs of Presidents

At a recent sale scheduled in the Ameri-

can Art Association—Anderson Galleries, Inc., New York City, autographs of Presidents of the United States were listed. So also were five etchings. These were from the collection of Colonel Louis C. Trimble.

A New Field to Conquer

Carol Willis Hyatt, a column conducted of *The Chicago Daily News*, tells an amusing story about Mme. Marie Curie and her antipathy for signature giving. Says she:

"Mme. Marie Curie of radium fame consistently refused to give her autograph and persists in outwitting autograph collectors.

"Two years ago when she attended the luncheon to honor Thomas A. Edison, on the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the incandescent light, she would not sign the menu cards, though the names of President and Mrs. Hoover, Henry Ford and Mrs. Ford, along with many others, gave precedent.

"Recently an English autograph collector sent Mme. Curie a check for a sum of money to be donated to any charity she chose, hoping to receive the canceled check with her indorsement. Instead, the check was returned unsigned by her secretary."

Old American Relics

American relic collecting is becoming more popular and more profitable every year. One need not travel far to find interesting or valuable material. Sometimes the best specimens are in the immediate neighborhood as some of the richest finds reveal. Certainly there is nothing more thrilling than to uncover new prizes—rare finds that add to the zest of living.

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A petrified head believed to be that of a prehistoric man was found by Paul Gremore, workman employed at the Kern River Park near Bakersfield, Calif. It was unearthed by the excavations of a steam shovel. The skull is of solid stone and weighs fifteen and three-quarter pounds.

Supervisor J. O. Hart, who is chairman of the park committee, regards the find as important. Shark's Tooth Mountain, located on the opposite side of Kern River, has long been the scene of exploration for

prehistoric finds, including fossils of sharks, saber tooth tigers, camels, palm trees and so on. These have been buried for millions of years in the prehistoric ooze.

Some of the finest fossil specimens in the West have come from this district, and the local high school has a fine collection of them contributed by student explorers.

A log which is claimed to be 20,000 years old was recently dug out of the East River near New York and turned over to the American Museum of Natural History.

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James Qinn and Morris Skinner, Nebraska lads, have been engaged the last four years digging fossil remains from the canyon of the Niobrara river in the northern part of the state. The hobby has enabled them to pay their living and schooling expenses during these years. Their patrons are the most prominent museums in the United States.

PISTOL and gun collecting, that sport of kings, could be stimulated and made even more interesting by sponsoring a national firearms exhibit. The enterprise would mean much in profit and enjoyment to dealers, collectors and the general public.

A small admission fee to the exhibit, such as is charged at other shows would aid considerably in defraying the expense of renting space. As a reminder of the interest such enterprises arouse, we mention the National Outdoor Show which is held in Chicago annually. Thousands of interested spectators go to this event. While camp equipment and the like attracts attention, the pivotal point of interest is always around the displays of firearms and hunting knives.

It is safe to say that there is hardly a man or boy who is not interested in firearms, new or antique. What a show the dealers and collectors could put on! Chicago, because of its central location might logically be named as the place for such a show. Indian relic and firearm collectors and dealers might even get together and hold a joint show. The two interests are correlative in their appeal. In the Chicago area alone, there are numerous dealers who could be counted upon for support, not to mention the many private collectors who are famous for their treasures.

Many of the firearms collections, veritable museums, would make fine copy for the press, which could be counted upon for publicity. Morning-stars, daggers, arbalests, guns, pistols and related fear furnish excellent subjects for news.

TO ARMS

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Like all hobbies, firearms collecting has its phases of development. The connoisseur as well as the beginner could participate in an exhibit to his advantage. What a store of hidden treasure could be brought to light by such a show! Many a private collection could be augmented by new finds. Many an antique would be dusted, brought to view and put into circulation. Indeed, an exhibition would prove to be of great mutual advantage.

There is probably no hobby that has more sympathetic and universal masculine interest than firearms collecting. Unconsciously from earliest boyhood men are interested in this sort of gear. Watch the crowds around any sporting goods display. No man can quite resist it.

Since it already has the interest of its own group as well as that of the public, there is every reason to believe that a firearms exhibition will be a success. It needs but the co-operation of the interested dealers and collectors "to put it over."

The numerous loop hotels which are experienced in this sort of exhibit would be glad—eager—to lend support to the enterprise. Because of the nature of the material shown, the displays could be made exceedingly attractive. What a collectors' paradise such a firearms exhibits would be! What a mine of historical knowledge would be opened up to the layman who would visit the show!

Let's get behind this movement and see it through to a successful conclusion. To arms!

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FOR EXCHANGE—New and used firearms and antiques for Indian relics.—G. D. O'Day, Mt. Sterling, O. m-c

FOR SALE—Chinese hand cannon percussion octagon barrel squirrel rifle. Checkered walnut stock and nicely mounted in nickel. Antiques in wood, glass, china, etc.—J. J. Norris, 556 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta Ga. p-m

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FIREARMS



A Varied Collection of Firearms

The James Boys' Guns

What has become of the guns that the James boys used to carry? That is a question that should provoke an interesting discussion.

A few years ago the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* told of one Sergeant Standley, of the St. Louis police force, who had a gun that once belonged to one of those notorious brothers.

At the time the newspaper was released Sergeant Standley possessed more than 400 firearm trophies, constituting almost every type made since 1650, several of which were formerly used by bandits and desperadoes.

A Kansas Collection

Perhaps war is *not* hell, as Sherman said, when it enables firearms connoisseurs to gain fine relics for their collection.

Clyde Wilson, of Iola, Kan., a Veteran of the Spanish-American and World Wars, has an excellent collection of firearms, among which are many rifles that were used by soldiers in the Russian, Canadian, Swiss, German and English armies and also by soldiers in the Civil and Philippine wars. In addition there are many other interesting, and some very valuable types.

Complete and Unusual

Louis Eppelley of St. Louis, Mo., has what is claimed to be one of the most curious and complete collections of firearms in this section of the country. In Mr. Eppelley's collection, which consists of some 300 firearms, is a pistol which was given to his grandfather by Count Louis Battyani, aide to Ludwig Kossuth in 1848-49. He has other specimens from China, Turkey, England, Scotland, France, Germany and Hungary.

WANT

Antique and modern small firearms. Must be all complete in original parts and in good condition.

HENRY A. LAMBERT

Rockford

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WANTED—Large, fine, double barrel, flint lock pistols, also dueling pistols in like condition.—E. E. Harris, Perrysville, Ind. m-c

Literature for Collectors

SALE—Old time firearms at prices lower than ever offered. Send for list. Also, I am in the market for such arms if O. K. and prices right.—Morris, 2633 E. 74th St., Chicago, Ill. m-c

12 DIFFERENT old time powder flasks; 10 different muzzle loading shotguns, Kentucky rifles, pistols, clocks, etc. List for stamp.—A. W. English, Portage, Wisconsin. m-c

WANTED—Antique and modern firearms and their accessories.—Henry A. Lambert, 422 Lincoln Ave., Rockford, Illinois. m-c

The Mailbag

Our Monthly Prize for the Most Unique Hobby

We will give \$5.00 each month for the most unusual hobby sent in to us. If you have an unusual hobby collection, or know of one, do not fail to suggest it to the Prize Editor. This month's prize goes to George Starbuck whose hobby is an ordinary scrap book. Mr. Starbuck is the son of a Baptist minister who says he was raised very strictly, and that as he grew up he resented the austere discipline of his minister father. His hobby is a collection of newspaper clippings depicting ministers who have gone wrong or got into trouble.

Certainly a rather inexpensive hobby and one full of thrills!

The Mailbag is for Your Convenience

The readers of *HOBBIES* are invited especially to contribute to this department. Send in your questions about your hobbies. The Editor, being human, cannot promise to answer all of them, but he believes that from the reader ranks of this publication there will come authentic answers for practically all reasonable queries. Likewise you are sincerely invited to use these pages for suggesting new hobbies; and any general news pertaining to the subject is always welcome.

Thanks

The Gem Shop folks of Wolf Creek, Mont., write that they believe there is a good field for a magazine of *HOBBIES* type, which is news that the publisher welcomes heartily. And in line with their belief add, "You can count on as much support from us as we can give you, depending of course upon the kind of a publication you turn out." *Editor's Note:* "We assure you that we'll do our best to give the public and our read-

ers the kind of material that they most desire, Gem Shop Folks.

Continuing, our well-wishing friends say, "Must also congratulate you on the choice of a name for your magazine. So many magazines labor under such fanciful and complicated names."

Encouraging

H. Edward Moore, "The Relic Man" of Janesville, Wis., writes enthusiastically of the need for a "hobbies" magazine. Says he:

"I must say I am glad to see you folks entering upon this new venture. We need a good hobby magazine in this country. One that will cover the whole field of collecting from those who are collecting what may appear to be trivial things for amusement only, to the highly cultural and scientific side; from postage stamps to dinosaur eggs, old prints or rag dolls, Lincolnia or general antique. Try to give them all a representation. The field is big. And now, with the great enthusiasm and rapidly growing interest in all old American historical and pioneer things, it seems that the time has come for such a medium of expression and record as your magazine can be made."

Who Can Help?

Miss D. R. B. writes, "I own a 1919 dime in fine condition, and will sell it if an offer that suits me is made. I recently read where the value of a 1919 dime (of this particular type) is about \$1,000. Am I right?"

Miss M. O. writes to inquire the value of an old penny. It is so old that the exact date cannot be deciphered. But it bears the stamp of the year of eighteen hundred. The size of the coin is about the same as our half-dollar piece.

E. G. writes to inquire if a \$20 dollar bill issued in March 1884 by "The Metropolitan National Bank of Chicago" is worth more than its face value. The bill was issued in the series of 1882 and has 3179 printed on it in several places. There is also a number W 9549996 on it. Also near the upper right hand corner on the face

side is printed an "A," and the same letter appears near the lower left hand corner on the face side. Another number, 2743, appears on the face side.

H. F. F., writing to one of *HOBBIES* predecessors, "The Philatelic West," sends a compliment, "In your issue Vol. 88, No. 3 is a valuable article—'Value of Hobby to Individuals.' To me it was a spur and incentive to consider stamps and coin collecting as a hobby worth the exercise for profitable saving. The enclosed, 'We are all Just Children' would be a humorous contribution for your readers." *Editor's Note:* Sorry we can't find this note in our newly acquired material, Mr. H. F. F. Can you tell us where we can procure a copy of the publication that contains this clipping?

Compliments

A few excerpts from letters to the magazines included in this publication are contained in the following

Thirty Years a Subscriber

"I have been a subscriber to your magazine for thirty years," Edwin H. Hamilton, Evanston, Ill.

Money and Friends

"I can heartily recommend your magazine. It has brought me into touch with hundreds of sellers of Lincoln and Western items that I could reach in no other publication. My advertising with you has been an A-1 investment. It has made me not only money but god friends in all parts of the United States. They have profited too by my policy of paying fair prices for anything that I could use. I consider your and profitable relations with those having magazine one of the best mediums for bringing the rare book dealer into friendly valuable items to sell."—M. H. Briggs, Chicago.

Coast to Coast

"Your magazine as an Ad medium is a wonderful puller. Have had dozens of inquiries from the Atlantic to the Pacific."—R. B. Munson, Buffalo, N. Y.

Please Find Enclosed

"We can hardly wait from one issue to the other. No better magazine published for the collector. Here is our Ad'."—J. M. Edgington & Son, Chillicothe, Ohio.

A Good Way to Start the Year

"My January business was better than during any other month last year, and credit is given to your magazine for bringing results."—Adolph Jenista, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

"I find your magazine to be the best by test,"—T. R. Brotherton, Fairview, Va.

Boomed Business

"Your advertising is bringing results beyond all expectations, and we can hardly keep up with the correspondence on it."—St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society.

Every Day in Every Way

"Enclosed you will find a money order to your most valuable paper. It gets better every issue."—N. A. Merrell, Boulder, Colo.

Look Out

HOBBIES is in receipt of a letter from one of its subscribers who was apparently stung to the sum of \$12.00. We are in a business that will be helped by keeping it clean of people who do not conduct their affairs above board. We should all co-operate to protect each other against bad actors. The letter reads:—

"Well Governor, I am supposed to be a smart man but I sure get a handful of trimmings, for instance, November 7, I sent a broker at Reno \$12.00 for some German paper mark bonds for trading purposes. Up to this date I have received nothing for my money and can't even get my money back. I am just too easy that's all, but suppose we all have the same trouble fooling with the public."

Juniors

Beginning a Stamp Collection

If you want a stamp collection and don't know just how to begin, why not start in your grandmother's attic. Perhaps she has an old trunk up there that she has forgotten all about, but which contains letters with just the right stamps to give your collection an interesting beginning. Once in a while very rare postage stamps may be found by rumaging around in old boxes, bundles of letters and similar data.

However, if you live in a modern city apartment and mother has had to destroy old letters, trunks, and other keepsakes to make room on the limited shelf space for towels, sheets, clothing and other everyday necessities don't be discouraged. A stamp collection may even be started with just the ordinary two-cent model that you see every day. Gradually you will add one-cent, four-cent, ten-cent and so on types. Then you will have airmail stamps of many varieties from which to choose. Of course, this is only a meagre beginning, but it will serve as a starter if you have no other issues from which to build your collection. As time goes on you will find choicer specimens to add to your list.

You can confine your collecting to one country, or a group of countries, or if you like a general collection from all over the world proves most entrancing.

It is not hard to get at least a few of the specimens from other countries of the world.

Most every boys and girl knows a man or woman who works in the mailing department of some large organization where letters come in bearing stamps from every known country, and by asking them to save envelopes for you instead of throwing them into the waste paper basket, you will acquire new specimens.

An important thing to remember in beginning your collection is to establish a system and following a regular routine. It is just as important to keep your collection in good order as it is to hang your clothes up in the wardrobe when you are not wear-

ing them. In the beginning however, it is necessary even to have an album to keep your stamps in order, for any ten cent note book or photograph album will serve your purpose, until your stamp family begins to grow up. Later, however, if you find the work of stamp gathering fascinating and wish to keep your collection in perfect order, nothing is quite so satisfactory and convenient as an album that is especially designed for that purpose.

Another important thing to consider is the pasting in of your stamps. Small hinged gummed pieces of paper are a great convenience, for with this system it is much easier to take out or change the position of any stamp.

There is no end to the things to be learned once you get into the subject of stamp collecting. You can procure books at the library that will give you oceans of information or if you have a bank account of your own, you will probably want to buy some up-to-date books on the subject to help you in your work.

There have been thousands of stamp varieties issued so there is indeed much to study and learn.

Model Making for Boys

While some boys and girls prefer to go in exclusively for stamp collecting there is no end to the hobbies that others pursue.

A boy who likes to whittle and construct—and what boy is there who doesn't—could well afford to take up model making. Ships, circus, houses, and so on have no end of possibilities; and almost every home supplies material that a boy can use to good advantage in work of this kind. For instance you will learn by turning to the model making section of this paper that one boy uses soap for making many small reproductions of large buildings, animals and other things.

Insect Collecting

Both boys and girls can find much pleasure in collecting insects. And there is no end to the different varieties that are available. Some summer morning try finding different kinds of insects right in your own back yard and you'll be surprised at what a backyard can produce. Boys and girls in California, particularly find great delight in capturing these small things that live in leaf, trees, and grass.

Clubs

According to the daily papers Junior stamp clubs are just about as busy as the

old woman who lived in the shoe. Many new members are being initiated. Interesting speakers are being engaged for future meetings, and boys and girls are busy trading stamps and adding to their collections.

A Prize Offered

Boys and girls will find an announcement of a prize contest which *HOBBIES* is sponsoring by turning to *The Mailbag* Department of this issue. Boys and girls are eligible for this prize also. Read the details, then sit down and write your suggestions. You may win \$5.

TIMEPIECES

WHAT is time?—The shadow on the dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand, day and night, summer and winter, months, years, centuries—these are but the arbitrary and outward signs—the measure of time, not time itself. Time is the life of the soul.—LONGFELLOW.

Collector Buys Old Clock for \$1,500

A famous English clock of the renowned London clockmaker, Daniel Quare, made in the seventeenth century was sold at a recent Vienna auction for \$1,500. There are only four copies of this clockwork, which runs a whole year, existing in the whole world, and they are much sought after by collectors.

The one sold in Vienna belonged formerly to the famous Austrian art collector, Baron Mauthner. The price at which it was sold is said to be exceedingly low.

Augsburg Clock Dated 1560

A clock by Jeremias Metzken, Augsburg, dated 1560 was recently listed for exhibition at the American Art Association-Anderson Galleries, Inc., New York City. This timepiece is modeled on all sides with allegorical figures, is inscribed with Latin characters and arranged with numerous dials, one engraved with Zodiacal signs and another with a saints' calendar. The columnar pilasters are modeled with masks and leafage, and on the base there is a

mythological procession. The clock is twelve inches high.

One of Savery's Clocks

An original Philadelphia high case hall clocks with the case by William Savery and the works by John Woods, was among a recent collection of early American furniture listed for auction in Philadelphia. There are only three known clock in this country by Savery.

Oldest Clock

What is believed to be the oldest clock in America is that owned by the Philadelphia Public Library. Over two centuries old, it was made in London and is said to have been owned by Oliver Cromwell.

—*Chicago Evening Post.*

Clocks in General

Helen Davis Lamb, writing for *The Flower Grower*, Calcium, N. Y., says that today eighty per cent of the world's clocks come from the Naugatuck Valley in Connecticut.

INSECT COLLECTING

JOHANN KASPER LAVATER, a well-known Swiss poet, once said that each leaf is a world; each insect an inexplicable compendium. That perhaps gives the basic reason why young and old alike find keen enjoyment in entomology—there is always something new to be learned; always something mysterious to be solved.

Take butterflies for instance. A Chicago woman tells of a beautiful butterfly that crossed her path last summer as she walked over the Wells Street bridge which spans the Chicago river. Finding a butterfly in a thoroughfare in the heart of a great commercial section of a city is something to cause wonder and arouse curiosity, is it not?

Butterfly collecting is one phase of insect collecting that may be pursued with considerable pleasure, and likewise with profit. Those who wish to take advantage of the commercial side of butterfly collecting often find ready markets for particularly attractive varieties, among manufacturers of trays, jewelry, lampshades and pictures. There is also a popular demand for British glass ware which combines wings of blue butterflies and the glass in attractive patterns.

ACCORDING to press reports from Munich, more than 200,000 butterflies, embracing over 500 classes, are to be made accessible to public view. The collection, which was brought together by a citizen of Munich, is said to be the largest collection of European butterflies in the world.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is apparently a haven for insect and butterfly collectors. Lloyd Martin, sixteen years old, of Chino, Calif., collected 1,500 butterflies in one season—all from Southern California.

Kathleen Van Wyck, an eleven year old girl of Mojave, Calif., is an ardent collector of insects.

She began her collection last May when her parents first moved onto a ranch in Antelope Valley in California. 't was a

good time to start collecting insects, for during May, Antelope Valley is a garden of wildflowers, swarming with thousands of insects.

Kathleen's net for capturing the insects was a fisherman's net which she borrowed from her father's sporting kit. She kept her first specimens in a cardboard box, but after a while as her insect family increased she obtained a spool thread box which had four large drawers and a glass face. The latter with its numerous divisions houses the insect family in good order.

The insects are held in place by a steel needle thrust through the thorax. In Kathleen's collection are beautifully colored butterflies; dragon flies, resembling miniature airplanes; beetles of many colors; moths, which include the large humming bird moth; and many others.

MISS MAUD SUSAN QUINOTTE, a young Kansas City enthusiast, has about 200 specimens in her collection, which she has obtained in and about the woods near her home.

This young lady knows just where she can find the best specimens. She says, "I've found that the Monarch butterfly is the most common one around Missouri. It's the usual brown butterfly everyone sees. The little yellow ones belong to the Sulphur butterfly family. The rarest one I ever caught was a "Literary Gulf," or Fritillary, and it didn't even appear in my elemental butterfly book. My teacher looked it up and found that it belonged down around the Gulf of Mexico. It's a mystery how it got so far north. Speaking of the value of certain species, she says, "A pale green luna moth has a market value of from three to five dollars if the specimen is in perfect condition."

Marjorie Burbanks, niece of Luther Burbanks, is following somewhat in the steps of her famous uncle. Marjorie's hobby is botany and she has a collection of wild flowers—214 of them. Her home is in Jasper National Park, in the Canadian Rockies.

WOULD enthusiasts of insect collecting like to see "Hobbies" publish a special edition on their particular subject? Write the editor giving him your views and suggestions if you are interested.

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PHILATELICS

A Queer Album

A cottage in the Savoy Alps forms one of the strangest stamp albums in existence (states a British United Press message from Paris), as its wall are covered with rare and valuable issues.

Collectors have bid a fortune for the right to steam the collection from the walls, but as the house is the home of a priest, and church property belongs to the French Government, the stamps must remain there until they are spoiled by the ravages of time.

This queer "album" was started more than fifty years ago by a young priest who took to stamp-collecting in this way to pass away the time in the lonely mountain village. The little community lives an hour's walk and climb from the nearest road, but the priest received many letters, and friends sent him stamps to add to his collection.

PAPERED WITH STAMPS

He started pasting stamps on the bare walls of his cottage in the place of wall-paper, and then, as the collection grew, he pasted more on top, making quaint designs out of the issues of various countries.

There are nearly 250,000 old postage stamps on the four walls of the *salon*, many of them rare issues.

The collection contains copies of the famous balloon stamps issued for the "air mail" by balloon when Paris was besieged by the Germans in the war of 1870-71.

There is a rare triangular Cape of Good Hope stamp, some rare Vatican stamps of the first issue before the Papal States were seized, and 1870 war stamps from Alsace and Lorraine.

Far More Interest

Adults in New Orleans appear far more interested in stamp collecting than children, according to Walter N. Emerson, past president of the Chicago Philatelic Society, who spent some time recently in New Orleans

examining stamps and valuable documents brought to him.

"Of the 75 or more collectors who showed me their stamps," Mr. Emerson said, "only a few were children. Adults seem to take more interest in collecting stamps here than in other cities, where usually a large number of collectors who permit me to see their stamps are children."

Appreciation

A group of Polish citizens recently called on Acting Postmaster William E. Hurley to express appreciation for the new Pulaski stamps which were issued in memory of the Polish patriot for whom the issue was named.

More About an Oddity

The 10-cent St. Louis Bear on pelure paper, catalogued ordinarily at \$2,000 has been found with the 5-cent value printed on the back of the stamp. On one side it is a 10-cent stamp and on the other side, 5-cents.

This oddity in the stamp world was found by Gill Farrell, of Wayne, Pa., among old papers that had been stored for many years in the attic. No value has been placed on the stamp, but it is said that a 10-cent Baltimore Postmaster Stamp of 1845, two years earlier was sold by Miss Natalie Lincoln for \$10,000.

Honor Where Honor Is Due

In honor of the famous Australian explorer, Capt. Charles Turt, a new stamp was issued in Australia not long ago, and is being sent to various parts of the world.

This fearless pioneer was the first to sight the Murray River 100 years ago, and the stamps have the title, "Sturt, Explorer, Centenary," beneath a likeness of the explorer. They are obtained by the recess process, from steel cut dies.



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Chicago Meeting

The Chicago Philatelic Society held its 45th annual dinner, February 19 at the Morrison Hotel. There were more than sixty members and visitors present, and by the time, President J. L. Kirkland opened the festivities, every one was in good humor.

The guest of honor, Mr. A. Deaves, better known as "Sevard," of Mekeels' Weekly, gave an interesting talk on how stamps are printed and closed his speech by announcing that the Milwaukee Philatelic Society fully endorses what is now known as the famous "Chicago Ticket," 1932-33 A. P. S. officers.

Other speakers were, Dr. C. W. Hennan, Ray Bahr, Springfield, Ill.; L. M. Westphal, Joliet, Ill.; R. L. Hustis, Milwaukee, Wis., and Dr. Ives Johnson, General President of Chicago Chapter No. 1-A. P. S. who after telling his favorite funny stories gave us a long list of enthusiastic endorsements of the "Chicago Ticket." From chapters all over the country, many letters and telegrams of good wishes for the society were read, and the dinner was closed with piano selections by our talented member, H. Henneman.—Chicago Philatelic Society.

Museum Is Given Fine Collection of Stamps

T. C. Newton, Lena, Wis., a well known stamp collector of that town, is the donor to the Neville Public Museum here of a fine collection of postage stamps. Among those turned over to the institution by Mr. Newton are many desirable pre-cancelled stamps, as well as some interesting foreign ones. The museum is specializing in the collection of pre-cancelled stamps.

Considerable interest has been shown by Green Bay philatelists in the museum's display of stamps, and many valuable stamps have been donated by various individuals since the formation of stamp clubs meeting at the institution weekly. At present the clubs consist only of young boys, but Theodore T. Brown, museum superintendent, plans the organization of an adult stamp club if a sufficient number of collectors can be interested.—*Chicago Postage Stamp Club.*

A Rare Stamp

There was an auction sale of rare stamps in New York lately in which a slightly defective but extremely scarce stamp sold for thirteen hundred dollars. It was issued in 1869 and had a face value of thirty cents. As a curio it was worth more because the center was inverted. Other stamps with inverted centers sold for five hundred dollars and three hundred and eighty-five dollars, though they were imperfect.

The collection was made by A. V. Heylinger, a retired silk merchant.

Stock of Series Since 1894 Offered by

Minister of Foreign Affairs

The government of Ethiopia is offering for sale its complete stock of stamps remaining from the four issues since the establishment of the Ethiopian international postal service, states a report from Consul General Addison E. Southland, Addis Ababa, to the Department of Commerce.

The stock on hand in the Ethiopian post office to be disposed of consists of 287,738 stamps of the first issue of 1894 in denominations ranging from $\frac{1}{4}$ mehaleks to 16 mehaleks, 1,469,788 stamps of the second issue in 1908 of the same denominations, 1,048,221 stamps of the third issue in 1917 in denominations ranging from $\frac{1}{4}$ mehaleks to 10 Maria Theresa dollars and 4,153,394 of the fourth issue in 1928 in denominations of $\frac{1}{4}$ mehaleks to 3 Maria Theresa dollars, it is reported.

Bids for the complete lot are being asked by the Minister of Foreign Affairs on terms of cash on delivery and interested philatelists should direct all communications to that office in either English or French. It is understood that a fifth issue for current use is now ready.—Quoted.

The King's Collection

The Queen, while visiting an exhibition, was shown a room furnished with antiques. Her guide, finding an album of postage stamps in the room, drew her attention to them. "I expect these will interest your Majesty!" he said. The Queen looked at

them a little grimly, then she smiled and said, "No thank you, I get too much of them at home!"

Stupendous Prices for Rare

German Stamps

At this year's Philatelist Congress which recently took place in Saxony's capital Dresden, an exhibition and auction of rare stamps took place. It was arranged by all German and Austrian Philatelist societies. Some very old German stamps issued before the foundation of the empire viz. before 1870 were offered, among them some old Saxon stamps. The three copies left of the fabulous red Saxon stamp of 1850 fetched prices which seem fantastic. One dozen million Marks for a single one was paid, all three fetched five times as much or 60 million Marks. Other series, for instance, the French One-Franc issue of 1853 reached almost as high prices, a series Mytilene of 1912, and misprints, uncanceled fetched 25 millions. There were quite a number of stamps of which a single one fetched over a million Marks.

How impoverished Germany is in many respects is well known. Municipalities have become really inventive, what new taxes, many of which untried, they will impose and in what ways savings or profits can be made. The Berlin municipality has just given the order that all letters and cards, wrappers of printed matters addressed to the council be collected and the stamps be cut out. As nearly all of the are domestic ones of low collecting value, they are sold to philatelist dealers by the pound. It may be that other cities will follow this example.—Quoted.

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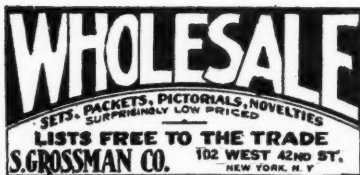
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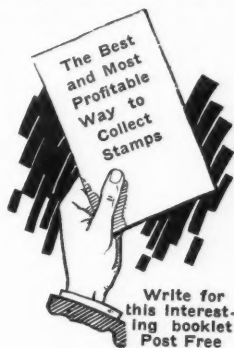
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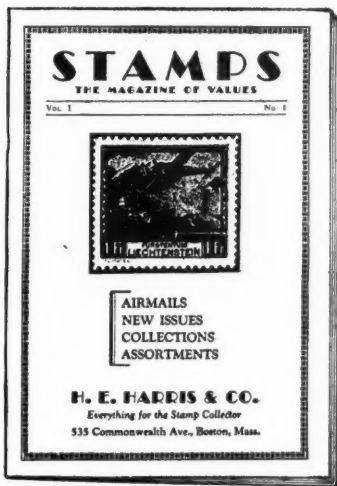
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Collecting stamps was described as the most fascinating hobby in the world by G. M. Mosler, president of the Brighton Bank & Trust Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, of Pearl Market Trust Company, Louisville, Ky., and of the American Philatelic Society, as he walked away with the first prize on cancellation collection, first issue of Austria and Lombardy, Venice stamps, at the forty-fifth annual convention of the society in Boston. Mr. Mosler's prize collection is bound in eight volumes and is a complete collection of Austrian and Lombardy stamps issued in 1850. He has been collecting 40 years, and says that no hobby is more suited to a banker.

10,000 Varieties

Starting to save stamps when he was 14 year old and a freshman in high school, the Rev. Crittenton of Canon City, Colo., now has a collection of 10,000 varieties of stamps valued at more than \$5,000, from every country in the world. The Rev. Crittenton says, concerning his collection:

"I collect stamps because they are unusual, because they are pretty and because the business of collecting them appeals to me." The stamps in his collection vary in value from two cents to \$50 for a single stamp.

The most valuable stamp ever issued was printed in British Guiana in 1861. There are only six copies of the stamp in existence and they are valued at \$50,000 a piece. Stamps issued in Germany during the world war period when the German mark was greatly depreciated in value are of particular interest. Although these stamps are marked as being worth 20 million marks, in modern collection they have a value of less than 10 cents," he said.

Valuable Blunders

As is well known, the accidental misplacement of two clichés resulted in the creation of some of the rarest "errors" known to philatelists—the 1d. "Woodblock" in the colour of the 4d. and vice-versa, and these, too, are dealt with at some length. The mysterious semi-tetebeche variety of the 4d.

stamp, recently sold in London for £260, alone is unaccounted for, having been discovered only after the proofs of the book had been passed for the press.

A valuable feature is the photographic reproduction in exact size of impressions specially taken by authority from the original stereotype plates of the local stamps, now preserved in the South African Museum at Cape Town.

Early in the year 1864 the format of the Cape stamps was altered to a rectangle and the more economical process of surface-printing substituted for line engraving. The official explanation of the change is set forth and the subsequent issues are considered down to 1911 when the stamps of Cape Colony were finally merged in those of the present Union of South Africa.

The London International

Stamp Dealers Bourse of 1931 will be held on May 18th, 19th and 20th, 1931, at Kings Hall, Holborn Restaurant, London, England. Mr. P. L. Pemberton, President of the Association giving this affair, or Mr. Albert H. Harris, Secretary, 112 Strand, London, W. C. 2, England, will be glad to hear from American dealers planning to attend.

Ernest Hatch Wilkins, president of Oberlin College, Oberlin, O., collects Italian stamps, writing the historical and geographical data beneath each one. This makes his album a concise history of Italy.

New Issues

Salvador has issued an air mail set to commemorate the centenary of the death of Simon Bolivar, the entire issue said to be limited to 5,000 sets. The stamps are of horizontal rectangular format showing a bust of Bolivar, the flag of Salvador, and the dates 1830 and 1930, with suitable inscriptions. The denominations and colors are: 15c red; 20c green; 25c violet; 40c blue.

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Mostly About Books

BOOK collecting is certainly as fascinating a hobby as one could wish. Indeed, it is a double-barrelled hobby, because most book collectors are insatiable readers, and not only are they able to satisfy their lust for book-knowledge and unusual information satisfied, but they have the added satisfaction of gloating over shelves of rare old, unusual, and beautiful bindings, of pridefully displaying date lines, illuminated borders, odd typography, and rich and rare literary gems and historical data. And, of course, many of them realize large amounts of money by collecting and selling rare books.

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A RECENT article in the Chicago Daily News Midweek Feature magazine has aroused new interest in book collecting, especially in the Middle West. The article, written by Frank Rosengren, Chicago bookseller and collector, was titled "There's Gold on That Top Shelf," and called attention to the many rare and valuable books to be found hidden away in basements and attics. In the article he told how he himself found a pamphlet copy of Poe's "Murders in the Rue Morgue" which had lain for days on a 15c bin of cast-off books and had been passed by the many who had bought these otherwise worthless bargains. Mr. Rosengren sold the pamphlet for \$10,000. Since the publication of the article he has received hundreds of letters and telephone calls too numerous to count from book owners who hope that the old books which they are unearthing are collector's items. As a result of this tremendous interest Mr. Rosengren is writing a series of articles on old books.

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ONE of the newest and most amusing ideas in book collecting had its impetus in the territory where the material origin-

ated. Chicagoans—and some others, too, are grabbing books on Chicago's gangland activities as fast as they come from the publishers. And you'd be surprised at how many there are! Even the French have their say on the subject. This newest book which the smart collectors have discovered is "Deux Mois Aves les Bandits de Chicago" (Two Months With the Gangsters of Chicago), was written by George London, dean of Paris newspaper men and member of the staff of Le Journal.

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SPEAKING of Chicago gangs, the "oath" Bible of gangland meetings at the notorious Colosimo's Cafe has recently been revealed as the famous Argos Gospel Lectionary of the Tenth Century which was acquired by the University of Chicago last spring. University authorities regard this ancient manuscript as the most important antique piece ever to be found in Chicago. "Mike the Greek" Potson, manager and part-owner of Colosimo's, picked up this rare parchment which was made by monks in Greece a thousand years ago, on one of his travels to his native land. For several years it laid on his desk in the restaurant office, where the gangsters gathered for conferences, and it came in handy for binding oaths. Then one day after Colosimo's death it was noticed by a well-known criminal attorney who sensed its value and told Mike it was worth money. Potson gave it to his partner, Michael Biskos, in settlement of a debt, and Biskos in turn sold the lectionary to Dr. Harold E. Willoughby, associate professor of the New Testament at the University of Chicago.

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collection, which is valued at \$300,000, is Philip Ashton Rollins, wealthy clubman and philanthropist of New York City. Mr. Rollins has promised to increase and amplify the collection regularly. He is a Princeton graduate and is president of the organization known as The Friends of the Princeton Library. He has always had tremendous enthusiasm for the west, where he spent a great deal of time as a boy and young man. This extraordinary collection of authentic historical data pertaining to the West and preserving its early days will prove a gold mine to research workers, especially those living in the East, as there has never before been available a central reservoir of such data.

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THE Ohio Archeological and Historical Society announces the acquisition of an ancient book which depicts the early history of the Northwest Territory during the turbulent days of the 18th century. The history covers an eight-year gap in existing histories and is considered one of the most important of its kind in the United States. It was written with a quill pen, in the handwriting of Winthrop Sargeant, later governor of the Mississippi territory, and other famous men of that time. The donor, John H. James, found it among his forefathers' treasures in the old family residence at Urbana, Ohio.

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ANOTHER event of importance to American collectors was the recent discovery of two bound volumes of *The Souvenir*, a magazine published in Philadelphia by Philip Price, Jr., more than a hundred years ago. The volumes just found are numbers 11 and 111, published from 1828 to 1830, and are devoted to "Select poetry, select tales, essays, fashions, news items, and book reviews," and contain interesting editorial comment on President Jackson and on the progress of the times in America.

A RECENT syndicated news item credits "Pierce's Almanac" with being the first pamphlet published in the United States, and says that it was issued in 1638 or 1639 by the Cambridge Press, forefather of the present Harvard University Press. The first full-sized book published in North America is said to be Steven Raye's "The Whole Booke of Psalms Faithfully Translated Into English Meter." It was issued in 1640 from the same press. In Mexico and South America books were issued by the Spanish as early as 1540.

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THE Argus Book Shop of Chicago is displaying a special edition of Suetonius' "Lives of the Twelve Cæsars," illustrated and signed by Frank C. Pape. This should be of special interest to collectors, inasmuch as it is the first book Mr. Pape has signed in more than fifteen years.

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BOOK writers are often book collectors as well. The late Pierre Louys, author of "Aphrodite" and "Les Aventures du roi Pausole," for instance, has been described as "one of the most interesting and interested of bibliophiles of modern times." He owned a remarkable collection of French, Latin and Greek books, most of which were first editions and many of which were ar-

tistic treasures, and all or which contain notes in Louy's own handwriting. It is related that once during Louy's lifetime poverty forced him to try to dispose of this collection, and a catalog was actually drawn up for an auction which was to have been held in November, 1918. But a wealthy amateur book collector saved the sad necessity for the humiliating circumstances by buying the entire collection and leaving it in the poet's possession during his lifetime.

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A REFERENCE book which should have prominent place in the library of every bibliophile, especially of those just entering upon the book-collecting hobby, is "The Elements of Book Collecting" by Iolo A. Williams. It was published in London by Wathews & Marrot, in 1927, and imported by the F. A. Stokes Company of New York City in 1928.

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NUMISMATICS



Old Coins Found

Not long ago two laborers excavating in Japan for a foundation, unearthed a mud covered pot containing fifty-four ancient coins of the Tokugawa period. The coins were called koban and are of solid gold, oval in shape. They are valued at \$1,000.

The Somerville, N. J. Gazette tells of one, John Van Aulen, of Millstone, N. J., who has an old English Coin, bearing the date 1723 and in a remarkable state of preservation. It was found by the present owner on the field where General Cornwallis was once encamped during the Revolutionary War, namely, the old Howell farm, where Howard DuMont now lives.

Mr. DuMont also has two cannon balls which were picked up on the same field and which had been used as ammunition when the British occupied this section. On one side of the Van Aulen coin is an imprint of George II and the words "Georgius Rex." On the other side is a figure of Britannia, with that word along the edge.

Abraham Lincoln Sailors, a namesake of the Civil War President, recently found an old brass coin at his home struck by the order of Governor Dix of New York in 1863. It is similar in size and weight to a French 1-franc piece, but it bears no identification of its denomination.

The Civil War piece has an American flag with twenty-five stars on one side inscribed. "The Flag of Our Union." On the reverse side is the inscription, "If Anybody Attempts to Tear It Down Shoot Him on the Spot."

Mr. Sailors said he did not know how long the coin had been in his possession.

Interesting Roman Coin

A large gilt-coin, bearing a figure of a woman on one side and the face of a Roman emperor on the other, has been unearthed

at Caerlon, in Wales. It is believed that the coin was part of a prize in a Roman chariot race.

New Coin for Collectors

The Press recently advised collectors to be on the lookout for new coins which the Vatican City has ordered struck off for the benefit of these collectors. All coins bear the date 1929, commemorating the pact signed by the city and the Italian government in that year. Various denominations bear the figure of Chr'st, Pope Pius XI, the Blessed Virgin, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Theresa, and others.

National Geographic Society Explains

In connection with the adoption of plans of the Vatican City for launching new money, a bulletin from the National Geographic Society recently told of the coinage of the world "dollar."

"The name, 'dollar,' according to the bulletin, which was applied to the American unit of money, "came from the silver coin invented and minted by the Count of Sschlick, at St. Joachimsthal, Bohemia, toward the end of the fifteenth century.

"Locally, this new coin was first called the Joachimsthaler. In Germany the name was shortened to 'thaler'; and in England and the American colonies, 'dollar.'

IS PIECE OF EIGHT

"But, although the name came circuitously from a little town in Bohemia, the United States really got its monetary unit from Spain. The dollar is really a 'piece' of eight—the same glamorous piece of eight that played such an important role in pirate activities on the Spanish Main.

"In Spanish this signifies eight ræles. In English it is spoken of as eight 'bits.' A bit is twelve and a half cents. In the South and West it is still customary to say 'two

bits' and 'six bits.' So does the division of the pieces of eight of piratic days on the Spanish Main still survive.

"In 1794 the silver coins of the new nation began to appear—the half dime, half dollar and dollar. In 1795 came the half eagle and eagle in gold. The silver dime and quarter dollar appeared in 1796, as did the quarter eagle. The double eagle, however, was not struck for circulation until 1850.

"Of these the half dime has been displaced by the nickel 5-cent piece. The present 1-cent piece has been added and completes the metal currency as now in use.

COINS THAT FADED

"Other coins have been issued, maintained for a time and discontinued. A \$3 gold piece was minted from 1853 to 1890; a \$1 gold piece from 1849 to 1890; a trade silver dollar for use in China, that was heavier than the standard coin, from 1873 to 1887; a 3-cent silver piece from 1851 to 1873; a 3-cent nickel piece from 1865 to 1890. A 2-cent bronze piece, a big 1-cent copper, a 1-cent nickel piece and a ½-cent copper have each been minted for a time and abandoned.

"Mexico and most of the countries that were once a part of the Spanish Empire stamp their coins 'peso,' but they are commonly called 'dollars.' Canada, though a British dominion, uses a dollar which, at par, is of equal value with ours. China stamps 'dollar' on its coins and Japan has its comparative coin called a 'yen.'

"The old Spanish pieces of eight, named 'Spanish milled dollars' on the paper money of American Revolution days, have influenced the currency of a good part of the world, particularly of the regions that prefer silver."

\$200 for One Cent

J. D. Martin of Richmond, Va., has recently received a check for \$200 for an old copper coin. The Numismatic Company, Ft. Worth, Texas, was the purchaser.

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Wilbert C. Bishoff, Ottawa, Kan., has a marvelous coin collection, some dating back to 500 B. C., and made by the hammer and

punch method of long ago.

Millions in Circulation

If you are collecting Indian head one-cent pieces hoping to reap a fortune later, better stop now. According to the Treasury Department, one-cent pieces are worth only one-cent and never will be worth any more. Millions of these coins are still in circulation, according to that department.

New Design Proposed

As this issue of HOBBIES goes to press there is a bill before the house introduced by Randolph Perkins (R), Representative from New Jersey, proposing that the design of the current quarter dollar be re-designed to include the portrait of George Washington. Simon R. Fess (S.), Senator from Ohio, indicated his intention of introducing a similar one in the Senate.

The move to change the design on the quarter dollar was received with more official favor than usual because of dissatisfaction at the mint with the present design.

Official of the U. S. mint claim that the full-length figure of the "Goddess of Liberty" now adorning the obverse of the 25-cent coin is so detailed that it wear badly. The features of the design are soon obliterated, reducing the silver content of the coin and making it indistinct.

According to the present law the designs of coins cannot be changed oftener than once in 25 years without Congressional legislation.

Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, has given the Treasury's approval for the change and sent a letter to Sol Bloom (R.), Representative from New York and associate director of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, in which he said:

'As the new coins would replace the present type of quarter-dollar, the issue of the same would not be contrary to the objections set forth by the President in his veto message in connection with the issue of special commemorative coins.'

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Old Coins Stolen

Thieves recently broke into the Pernambuco, Brazil, State Museum and fled with a collection of silver coins. The money will be of little value to the robbers however unless they have a knowledge of the worth of old coins.

Michigan Display

A case of old coins and a frame of early American currency recently displayed in conjunction with the second annual exhibit of the Muskegon, Michigan Stamp Club, at-

tracted considerable attention.

The coins were loaned by Wallace Hume and include many of ancient time from the fourth century B. C. to the time of George III.

A large coin weighing nine ounces shows the two-faced God, Janus, for whom the month of January was named. A small one may be the same as the widows mite mentioned in the bible.

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Coin Notes

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The Lydians issued the first coins about 700 or 800 years before the Christian era. The Greeks were the next to adopt this mode of interchanging. Naturally the first issues were very crude.

The original coins of Greece were silver, while those of Asia Minor were gold. The earliest Roman coins were made of an alloy of copper. They were called "Ais" or "As". A piece called the Asgrave was not struck with the punch but cast. It has the Janus design on its obverse side and the prow of a ship with the numeral I on the other.

The smallest coin in the world is the Chinese "Cash" about equal to the twelfth of a cent.

The young lady who posed as the model for the "Goddess of Liberty" on the cart-wheel dollar was Anna Willes Williams. She was born in Philadelphia during the Civil War. Her mother was a daughter of Dr. Arthur H. Willes, a wealthy slave owner of Maryland.

Miss Williams posed for the design in 1876 but it was not until several years later that she became known to the public as the one who posed for the new dollar.

Horse head coppers were coined by the state of New Jersey. In 1786 the New Jersey legislature authorized the sum of £10,000, to be used in the coining of these pieces. The coining was done under this act by private parties on a contract with the State. Three citizens named, Walter Mould, Thomas Goodsley and Allen Cox were the contractors.

The coinage was all accomplished in three years, and several varieties were issued. All bore an American shield and the motto, "E Pluribus Unum," on the obverse side, and the reverse bore the legend, "Nova Caearea," and a ploy surmounted by a horse head, thus the name, "Horsehead Coppers."

The denominations varied considerably in weight, the heaviest being 6 pennyweights and 17½ grams. The lightest were 4 pen-

nyweight and 18 grams. They went out of circulation many years ago, but are to be found in the cabinets of numismatists. Most of them were coined at Morristown.

What is the "milling" on a coin? Probably not one person in five hundred would answer this simple question correctly. There is a popular belief that the corrugations on the run of a coin is the milling. The milling is the plain raised rim of a blank piece of money without reference to any corrugations anywhere.

The purpose of the milling is to protect the surface of the sides from wearing.

The milled blank is dropped into a stamping machine from which it comes out a perfect coin. While in this machine the piece is dropped into a corrugated collar where it is expanded, under great pressure, forcing the coin rim into the corrugations of the machine. This corrugates the rim of the coin similar to that of the machine.

These parallel notches or corrugations (generally called the milling) constitutes the reeding. The term is adopted from its architectural use to express a small convex moulding, especially when such mouldings are multiplied parallel to each other.

In 1503 the first English shilling was minted. It bore the King's image.

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"Recent pennies are not generally supposed to be rare, but a collector who wanted a complete series of this century had to wait two or three years before she could find one of the 1922 date. Strangely enough, on the very day that a friend who knew of her quest sent her one of these, she received another in change. The scarcity of the 1922 cent is not to be wondered at, since the coinage of that year was extremely light.

"A fairly good gamble is quarter-dollars of the present type. These, to be sure, are not likely ever to become rare, but clearly dated ones of the earlier years are already rather exceptional. For some reason the date on a quarter is usually worn off, even on those which are otherwise in good condition. Of course a coin which does not bear any date is absolutely worthless beyond its face value to collectors, except perhaps where a whole series has become very rare, but it seems probable that of the present type of quarters none will bear clear-cut dates 10 years after their issue except those which have early been withdrawn from circulation and hoarded by their owners. We are not aware that there is a premium now on even the first of these quarters, but it would not be surprising if perfect ones could be sold at more than their face value before many years have elapsed.

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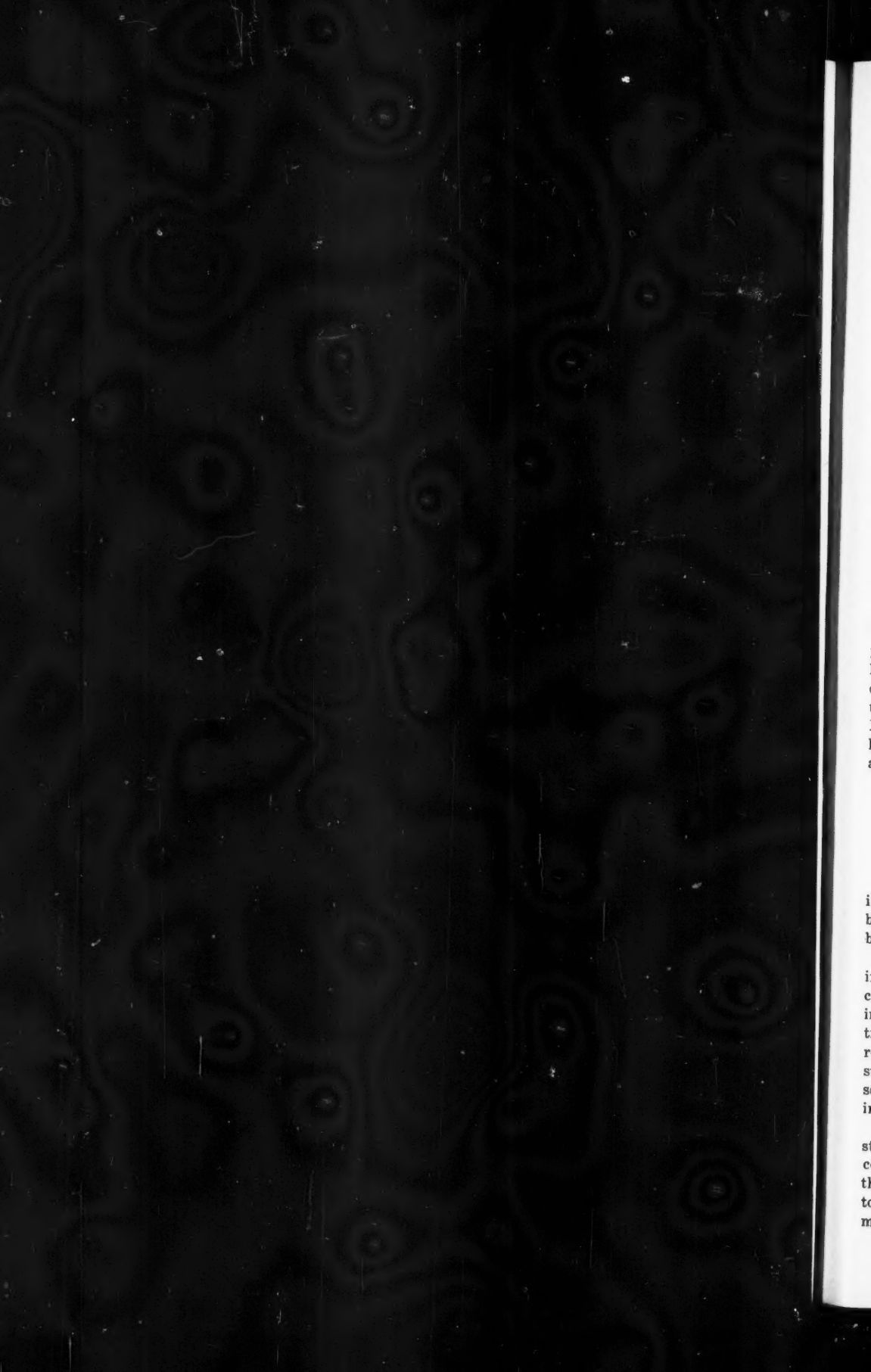
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Explaining how he makes a systematical search for Indian relics in the vicinity where tribes are known to have lived, Bertrand Schultz, a young Nebraska enthusiast advises, "I learned that the best finds are usually to be uncovered on the top of a hill. If you haven't a lot of time to waste," says he, "pick out a range of fair-sized hills, select the highest one and begin digging on the top of it. If it hasn't been cultivated you stand an excellent chance of finding something."

"Sometimes you will notice slight circular depressions in the surface of the ground. Many people in the neighborhood will tell you they are old buffalo wallows, but I have learned that they are generally the sites of old Indian camps. Traces of ashes are usually the first sign, and always a good sign. More digging will probably turn up arrowheads, pieces of broken pottery and perhaps an implement or two."

Possibilities In Your Own Neighborhood

The training of bird dogs and the collecting of Indian relics furnish respite from business duties to Frank B. Pressler, young business man of Hollidaysburg, Pa.

Mr. Pressler does most of his collecting in the vicinity of his home, and has to his credit, approximately 100 choice articles, including arrowheads perfectly proportioned and of many colors. Among his arrowheads are several of the poison kind, the stone heads having been treated with a poisonous substance, to cause death when shot into the body of any living thing.

A rare article in the collection is a clear stone that sparkles brightly. It is said that certain tribes of Indians used stones of this type for ornamentation, the custom was to hold one between the teeth in the same manner as a cigar is held.



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Pressler says he finds great delight in seeking for these remains of the Indians that have been buried for ages.

The American Indian in Education

Some of the elementary schools in the Mississippi Valley and other sections of the United States where interest in the American Indian is being revived, are including a comprehensive story of the red man in their courses of study.

The subject includes modeling of physical relief maps of Indian villages. Miniature lodges are made of modeling clay and placed on the sites, Indian teepees were supposed to have occupied originally. The maps are also constructed so that all details of the exact location of rivers, creeks, and other similar data are indicated.

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in common by the tribe, is to be preserved by R. R. Howard, of Slater, Mo., and Thad Boulware, of Molino, Mo., according to the *Kansas City (Mo.) Times*. The mill was to be presented to a local museum for its collection.

Howard describes the mill as "a boulder of flint, the shape of an enormous flat pumpkin or gigantic doorknob. It was about two and one-half feet in diameter," he said, "and about a foot thick, with a depression or bowl in the center of one side that could hold a quantity of corn while it was being pounded into meal. With it was a granite stone, somewhat the shape of a dumbbell, to be used as a pestle.

"From the best that I could learn, it seemed to have been a sort of community grist or custom mill, and owned in common by the Indians. After the meal was pounded out, one can imagine the pungent blue smoke from the fire of dry hickory sticks that heated the flat limestone on which was baked the first cake of the year from the new meal."

Minnesota Society Activities

Former mayor F. T. Gustafson, of Pequot, Minn., was recently scheduled to speak about his exploration work for Indian relics and display his numerous curios before the Crow Wing County Historical Society, of Brainerd, Minn.

Mr. Gustafson has gained fame as a collector of Indian relics and has several interesting specimens to his credit. The most unique relic, a large earthen jar, one of the first of its kinds to be found in central Minnesota and now coveted by many collectors and societies has attracted universal attention. The vessel was unearthed at Fort Poulak, near Pequot.

The Crow Wing Historical Society invited other collectors of Indian relics, and collectors of old photographs and similar matter to share also in the recent meeting. Singing and old time talks were additional features on the program.

Hot or Cold Showers

The "baths of King Net Zahualcoyotl," a name applied to a district in the Texcutzingo Mountain, a few miles from The City

of Mexico, is another tribute to the Aztec people who lived on the North American continent, in decades gone by.

Explorers working in the Texcutzingo Mountain, where a great stone watering place in the center of a once-volcanic mountain is being excavated, have come upon the fourth large round stone bath tub, with stone frogs carved on its rim.

Typical also of the ingenuity of this race is a well-formed stone stairway which leads from the top of the crater down to the bathing place. The bath house facilities were arranged so that use could be made of the hot and mineral waters once existent in the volcano.

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A Hoosier Collection

Thomas J. Dillingham, city postman, of Boonville, Ind., has what has been termed one of the most interesting collection of Indian curios in Southern Indiana. Included in Mr. Dillingham's collection of several thousand curios are 200 stone axes, weighing from a few ounces to seven pounds each; 75 celts or chisels, pestles, mortars, several thousand spear and arrow heads, knives, drills, gorgets pendants, plummets, banner and boat stones, and ancient pottery. An effigy stone pipe carved in the form of an eagle is one of the most prized pieces of the collection. Mr Dillingham gathered his curios mostly from Indiana, Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Notes From the West

George J. Remsburg, writing from Porterville, Calif., supplies these informative notes from the West. He writes: "Robert Heizer, of Lovelock, Nevada, has been finding many relics on an old Indian battleground in that vicinity, and the writer is indebted to him for many typical specimens from that historic locality, such as large skinning knives made of slate, obsidian arrowheads, stone metates, charm stones, beads, fragments of basketry, etc.

"This battleground is a great field for relic hunting," Mr. Heizer writes. "It was used by the Sit-u-kah or Tule Eaters, and the Nu-mak—the Pintes, the present day inhabitants of this region. The Tule Eaters were giants, red-headed and white skinned, and had cannibalistic instincts. The Nu-mah people finally exterminated the Sit-u-kah. They were intermarried and therefore had many customs and traditions of the Sit-u-kah. The Nu-mah and Sit-u-kah fought on this ground and many skeletons and artifacts are found here. Specimens of basketry were found in a cave about two miles from the battleground and were excavated by the University of California and by Harrington and Land. Red-headed mummies over 5,000 years old were found here by J. P. Harrington. The battleground is 20 miles south of Lovelock, on a large flat.

A while back Mrs. Mary Piute, an Indian woman, 102 years of age, died at North Fork, Calif., in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where she was born and where she had lived all her life. She was 20 years old when the gold rush to California started and lived through much of the stirring events of this historic state."

Chief Seattle's Pestle

A pestle which was used by Chief Seattle, the Indian brave for whom the Washington city was named, is now the property of W. E. F. Schmidt, of Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1902 Schmidt, then a soldier at Ft. Flagler, Wash., was approached for a loan by a descendant of the brave. When the red man found that he could not repay the money which Schmidt had loaned him, he proffered the relic, which had been handed down from generation to generation.

The treasure is about eight inches high and resembles petrified blue clay. Constant usage during the decades when it was used by Chief Seattle's tribes has worn it so that it fits perfectly the palm and fingers of a man's hand.

In 1905 the relic disappeared from Schmidt's possession, but five years later he found it in his postoffice box at Point Townsend, Wash., and since then he has kept the piece guarded more carefully.

Chief Seattle, who was born in 1790 was the leader of the Dwamish and allied tribes of Puget Sound. He was converted by French missionaries and was responsible for establishing regular morning and evening prayers in his tribe, a ceremony which the Indian continued after his death.

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According to the *Toronto (Canada) Globe*, Ontario's folks are doing much to preserve the red man's story. Historical societies are also active, and are assembling and displaying relics of early Canada in museums at Collingwood, Kitchener and Niagara.

The discovery near Brantford of remains of an old Indian village is a reminder of the life of the Attiwandarons in the South-western counties centuries ago.

The Dominion Government has taken possession of one of the most significant Indian relics in Canada, the Southwold earthworks, west of St. Thomas, comprising the remains of a double walled earth fort used by the red men no one knows just how long ago.

In Middlesex County near London, there are remains of an Indian village from which grains of burned corn have been taken in recent years, thus giving evidence of another village site and the food used by the Indians.

Close by the Hamilton-Galt highway, adjacent to Westover, is the site of the Indian village where LaSalle unexpectedly met Joliet in 1669. Old residents still tell of discovering ash beds while digging post holes.

Ancient and Otherwise

W. STRALEY

TEMPLES—Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, archaeologist for the Smithsonian Institute, reports the discovery of two prehistoric American temples near Gallup, N. M.

SITTING BULL—"Monday 'Buffalo Bill' took a commission from the military authorities to go after Sitting Bull and capture him alive and, what seems a ludicrous thing for Cody to do, he at once attired himself in a dress suit. People are puzzled.—Kansas City (Mo.) Star, Dec. 17, 1890.

INDIAN VILLAGES—A group of Indian villages is contemplated among the exhibits for the 1933 World's Fair to be held in Chicago.

SKELETON—While grading on the highway near Ohiowa, Neb., an Indian skull was unearthed recently. The skull was well

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preserved and the teeth were intact. The grave was only about four feet deep, it was supposed. Hunting tools such as spear points laid alongside doubtless to aid the warrior in his "happy hunting grounds," and a clay pipe lay near by. Undoubtedly this skeleton had been buried for the greater part of a century.—Chester (Nebr.) Herald.

HIAWATHA—According to the *St. Paul Dispatch*, Minnesota, recently scheduled a celebration for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the writing of "Hiawatha" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

EMERGENCY FUND—It is understood that an effort is to be made to get an emergency fund, \$100,000 to \$200,000 to buy food and other supplies for many Indians, who failed to make provisions for themselves during prosperous times.

EXPLORING—Some time ago remains of a mastodon were unearthed in Indiana, and, now, Everett Burmaster, of the Buffalo museum, is to seek human remains in the vicinity of the mastodon find.

NATIONAL SOCIETY—Miss Marion Campbell, Cleveland, Ohio is the head of an organization known as the Woman's National League for Justice to the American Indians. The organization is now helping sufferers among the Seminoles of Florida.

SOLAR CULT—Prof. E. B. Renand, of the University of Denver, has discovered what is called the American Stonehenge, which is set on a high cliff overlooking the Apishapa River in Colorado. There are large circles of stones with an upright stone post in the center, which leads the professor to the belief that the builders were of some solar cult.

AGE COMPUTATION—Since the discovery of computing the age of the Arizona and New Mexico pueblos by counting of rings of timber used in the construction of the buildings, Prof. H. B. Collins, Jr., of the Smithsonian Institute is applying the same procedure in an endeavor to determine the age of ancient Alaskan Eskimo settlements.

MISSION—Messrs. A. T. Hill and A. M. Brookings of the Hastings, Neb., Museum, and Waldo Weidel, student of the University of Nebraska, recently located the site of the old Allis Mission which was established by the Presbyterian Board of Missions to convert the Pawnee Indians to the Christian religions. The mission was named after Rev. Samuel Allis, who, with Rev. John Dunham, was sent in 1834 to minister to the Pawnees. The site is on the northwest quarter of section 36 in Council Creek township. Nance country, half mile south of the Loup river, 3 miles south and 6 miles east of Fullerton.

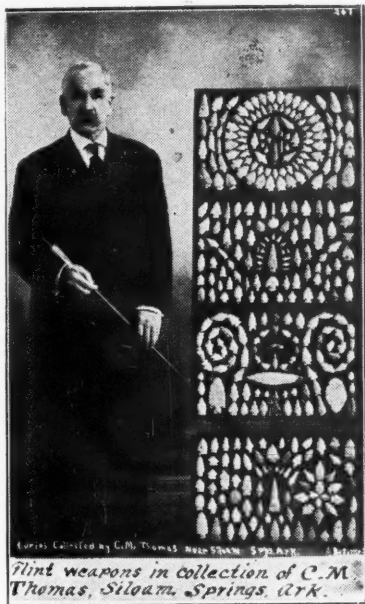
TECUMSEH—According to an Associated Press report, the bones of an Indian supposed to be those of Tecumseh, have been discovered on Walpole Island, Canada.

THE WEAKER SEX—Grace Robinson, wrote recently in *Liberty* about the Tzapotec Indians on the isthmus of Tehnantepec, Mexico:

Says she, "You can go there today and find women sitting in the market place trading in vegetables and pottery while the men are at home minding the children and running errands. * * * If any clash arises between Mexican authorities and the tribe, the police go to the women, not the men, for adjustment. Likewise the priest in spiritual matters carries on his business with the women * * * The women are tall, with regal carriage due to the practice of carrying bundles on their heads, and their bodies are strong. The men are runts by comparison.

RETIREMENT—The Kansas City (Mo.) *Sunday Star*, recently presented an excellent article by A. B. McDonald, about the retirement of Geo. J. Wright, as superintendent of the Osage Indian agency at Pawhuska, Okla., after sixteen years, and about 5 years in the Indian service of the government. He will reside in Chicago. A grand feast and dance were tendered Mr. and Mrs. Wright by the entire tribe. Mr. D. E. Murphy, for nine years clerk to Mr. Wright, will fill the vacancy.

HELPS—In recent years considerable interest has revolved around Alaska and the Indians in that territory. If you want in-



From Our Files

formation along this line, Herbert W. Krieger's "Indian Villages of Southeast Alaska" will, to some extent, supply you. A copy can be secured from the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

The student of religion among the Indians of North America, will find much of interest in "The Shake Religion of Puget Sound" by T. T. Waterman, pp. 499-507 of the Smithsonian Report for 1922.

The study of Indian religious worship can be enhanced by a perusal of "The Katsina Altars in Hopi Worship," by J. Walter Tewkes, chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology, which appeared in the Smithsonian Report for 1926, pp. 469-486.

Mr. David J. Bushell, Jr., who is interested in the artistic efforts of the early artists in America has written quite a number of papers on the subject. If you should like copies ask for "Drawings by A. DeBatz in Louisiana 1732-1735." This is a Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections publication and can be secured from the superintendent of the institution for 15 cents.

20,000 YEARS AGO.—A recent issue of the "Popular Science Monthly" pictures a flute found in a Nevada cave, which Prof. M. R. Harrington, curator of the Southwest Museum, estimates to be over 20,000 years old.

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RISE TO FAME.—The public in general does not know that Geo. Joaquin Amaro, Mexico, is a full-blood Tarascan Indian. A recent writer states that for "twenty years he was a poor boy, lost in the obscurity of his people, and wore a red glass bead in his ear, as a protecting amulet." He has organized Mexico's unruly revolutionary forces into one disciplined body of some 50,000 men.

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SYMBOLS.—Mitche Manito, the supreme spirit of evil to many North American Indian tribes, is symbolized as a serpent.

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TRY IT.—The Sioux Indians had an out-door game which is ever so jolly in spite of the rather foreboding name by which it is known. Skunk tag, for so it is called, requires all who take part, except the one who is "it," to hold their noses shut with one hand and hold up their right foot with the other. In this position they are safe from the "skunk." As soon, however, as any one lets go of either his nose or his right foot he may be attacked by the "skunk." If the "skunk" succeeds in tagging some one, the one tagged becomes "it."—Prudential.

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FAR NORTH NEWS.—Newspapers with colored comics, catalogs, illustrated travel magazines and juvenile picture books are popular with the Eskimos at Point Barrow, Alaska, both adult and youth. Many fur traders win the good will of famous hunters and possessors of good furs by gifts of catalogs picturing guns, power boats, tents and such outdoor items. The women are equally interested in the large mail order dry goods and household goods catalogs. Teachers in government schools take advantage of this love for pictures in the Eskimos by teaching them to read. The catalogs are often a means of nuisance to the postmaster here. The natives bring him the catalog and some money wishing he would send away for the item at the end of the stubby, greasy finger. Con-

siderable mail order, parcel post business is conducted in this manner with business firms in the Pacific Coast cities.—Science Service of the Kansas City (Mo.) Star.

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SYSTEM.—It is said that a Spanish missionary writing a book on Mexico about sixty years after the conquest by Cortez has this to say of the Aztecs: "They have their presidents and lesser authorities to look after the old, or the married, or the young about to be married, with such system and order that not even the newly-born babe escapes their notice. The man who labored one week was not allowed to present himself the next, everybody taking his turn so that none may be grieved."

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BOOMING.—American archaeology has received considerable impetus in the past few years and no one knows just what is to be expected of the future. It is predicted, however, that the coming years will see vast strides made in the unearthing of the relics and remains of the early inhabitants of this country. Probably the resting place of an American King Tut is awaiting the explorers' spade.

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Findings Recall the Viking Age

During some clearing work on a farm at Blikstad, Aamot, in Osterdalen, a mound, some twelve meters high and one and a half meters across, proved to contain an umbo, twelve arrow points, a knife and a bridle. This custom of the Middle Ages of "a dozen arrows to each thwart," originated in the viking age, and this find, therefore, is of considerable interest. Deeper down a sword, a long slender spear point, nine arrow points, an ax, an umbo, even a complete equipment of arms were found, as well as other working tools and harness. The whole outfit shows the characteristic mingling of a warrior's life and a workingman's life almost always distinctive of the richer findings from the viking age.

Find of Early Pottery

A garden at Fishbourne, Chichester, England, has yielded some interesting pieces of "Samian" pottery belonging to the early years of the Roman occupation.

Nearly all of it is Vespasianic, roughly A. D. 70-80, though some pieces may belong to the reign of Nero, or even that of Claudius, and a few might be assigned to that of Trajan.

Fishbourne is at the top of Chichester Harbor. Besides this site, three villas are known to have existed along the road running out west from Chichester, and there is a dim tradition, supported by exiguous evidence, of a palace of Vespasian. This fresh find of datable pottery makes it certain that the Romans lost no time in settling the district west of Chichester after the Claudian invasion.

The best fragment is a part of a Dragendorff form 30, a straight-sided bowl, with a cupid holding what looks like an apple; he has fine wings, his bow in front, and his quiver over his shoulders (Dechelette, 279). The vessel was made at Banassac, near La Graufesenque, in South France, as is shown by the 3-pronged tongue of the ovolo and may be dated A. D. 70-80. The potter's marks are those of Primus, Dontio, Secundus, and (?) Chresimus, and there is a graffito M under a base. To the great loss of Chichester in particular, and of Roman-Britain students in general, a capital little local collection of Roman-British finds was dissipated a few years ago, and it is necessary to begin recording again. Hence this note, which owes much to the judgment of Dr. Felix Oswald.—S. E. Winbolt in the London Times.

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Prof. J. V. Brower, who organized the Quivara Historical Society called the type we are describing—Quiviran. Brower believed that a tribe could be traced by their artifacts. We believe that it has been possible to trace the Quivirans by these triangular points, from where Coronado found the Quivirans, to where they came from to the Little Arkansas river region, and where they went after they were driven away from that locality by the Escansasques in 1601, after Juan de Onate returned to New Mexico.

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The late Dr. Henry M. Whelpley, St. Louis, Missouri, had thousands of these triangular points in his collection. Numbers of them came from the Cahokia mounds in Illinois, near St. Louis. The Doctor calls this type "Cahokia."

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Dr. Don M. Dickson, Grave, Illinois, excavated a mound near Lewiston, Illinois which he called Grave. He built a house

over the excavations and the skeletons and artifacts remain as he uncovers them. With numbers of the skeletons the Doctor found a small bunch of these Quivira-Cahokia points placed in a position to indicate that they were votive offerings.

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This same type has been found at Fort Ancient, Ohio, in Pennsylvania and in all localities where the Alleghenies and Tallegwi have resided and built stone box graves.

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Mr. Edward Park, White Cloud, Kansas, and many other collectors of Indian artifacts have picked up thousands of those Quivira-Cahokia points on the old village site a mile above the mouth of the Nemaka river, on the Kansas-Nebraska state line. This village site was visited by Captain Clark, July 11, 1804.

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The late E. R. Steinbruek, of Mandan, North Dakota, found numbers of these Quivira-Cahokia points in historic Arrakara ground house sites near Mandan.

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Mr. Charles E. DeLand found numbers of the same type of arrows in historic Arakara ground house sites in South Dakota.

Prof. E. E. Blackman, curator, Nebraska State Museum, has found them on the Loup river where the Skidi, or Wolf tribe of the Pawnees resided. Brooking and Hill of the Hastings Museum have found numbers of the same type from the Loup river sites.

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This string of places where the triangular points were used along beside the stone box graves, surely indicates that the two cults originated in the United States in what is now New England. The evidence seems to warrant the belief that the Skidi tribe of the historic Pawnees was not of the same stock, and instead of coming to Quivira from the southwest, they came from the Ohio, and other Tallegwi habitats east of the Mississippi.

Who Were Mound Builders

Who were the Mound Builders of the American continent antedating the Indian? Archæologists and ethnologists have been much divided as to their origin and race, but the term has been generally applied to an aboriginal race by whom the various earthworks called "Indian mounds" and forts were constructed. Many ethnologists have argued that the Mound Builders and the early Indians were one and the same, while others hold that the Mound Builders were of an entirely different race.

Their constructions range from five to thirty feet in height, either in circles, ellipses, rectangular parallelograms or regular polygons, but whether for worship or defense it is difficult to say. The latest word upon these "first Americans" is given in a book written by Henry Clyde Shetrone, a leading authority, titled "The Mound Builders."

Dr. Shetrone says "it may be confidently stated" that the Mound Builders did not constitute of themselves a separate or distinct race, but that they, together with all other aboriginal Americans, were tribes, nations and peoples of the original American race—a race derived from the Mongoloid immigrants from Asia, and of Asiatic rather than of American origin. He holds that, in many cases, they were cultural groups of the native American race along with the Indians and all other American peoples, and were in many instances the racial ancestors of the Indian tribes of his-

torical times, but that as peoples and tribes they had their distinct cultural attainments. "The Mound Builders were Indians to exactly the same extent that the Indians were Mound Builders."

—*The Minneapolis Journal.*

Locate Site of Lost Nebraska Indian Mission

"The site of the old Allis mission which ministered to the spiritual needs of the Pawnee Indians in early days, was found sometime ago by A. T. Hill and A. M. Brookings of the Hastings, Nebraska, museum, and Waldo Weidel, student of the University of Nebraska. Mr. Brookings spent considerable time in Nance county and found on the farm of Mr. Anderson near the mouth of Plum Creek the charred ruins of what he believed to be the old mission. His find has now been confirmed by Mr. Hill and Mr. Weidel.

"In 1834 Rev. John Dunbar and Samuel Allis were sent to this state by the Presbyterian Board of Missions to convert the Pawnee Indians to the Christian religion. Mr. Allis went with the Skidi band, then living in a village five miles northwest of the present town of Palmer. After a time he located somewhere east of the present town of Fullerton and built a mission school at the mouth of Plum Creek. He carried on his work there until 1846 when the Sioux raided the Pawnees and burned their villages, compelling the Pawnees to flee eastward.

"The location corresponds to Mr. Allis' own description and also to that of Elder Clayton, a Mormon, who visited the place in 1847. It is on the northwest quarter of section 36 in Council Creek township, Nance county. The site is a half mile north of the Loup river, 3 miles north and 6 miles each of Fullerton."

"The site of the old mission has been repeatedly sought by those who wished to learn its exact location, but it has never been definitely located until the present time, probably due to the fact that for some unknown reason the names of Council and Plum creeks have been exactly reversed. When this queer fact was brought to the attention of the director of the Hastings museum, he was able to locate the interesting place.

Tracing a Lost Tribe

Henry W. Collins, ethnologist of the Smithsonian Institution recently returned to Washington from Western Mississippi, where he made excavation at what probably was the site of the "grand village" of the Natchez Indians. This location is near the present site of the city of Natchez.

The important result of this work, Collins reports, is the identification of a specific type of Natchez pottery by which it may be possible to locate other sites of the dwellings of this strange people, practically extinct for 200 years, and whose social and religious manners and high civilization excited the wonder of the early French explorers. Collins and his associates were able to connect the pottery fragments with historical records by means of gun-flints discovered in that territory.

The recent exploration recalls the story of the destruction by the French of this strange civilization in the new world.

After two wars the French and the Natchez tribe finally came to a fairly peaceable relation. Then the command of the French garrison was taken over by an indiscreet officer, Chepart. Chepart desiring a plantation of his own and finding most of the good land near the settlement taken, gave orders that the land on which the "grand village" and the sacred temple of the sun were located be given over to him for his purposes.

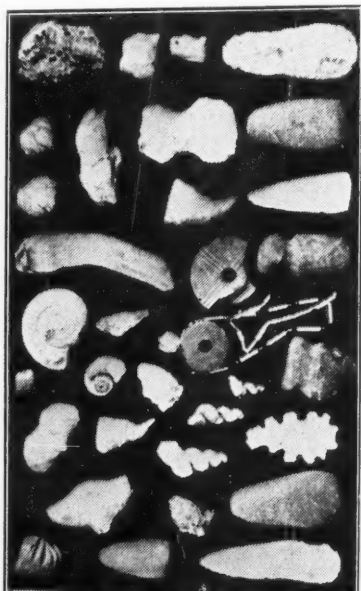
Inasmuch as the "grand village" and the sacred temple of the sun were religious shrines of the Natchez, the Indians were astounded at the order and did not obey.

Another war between the French and the red man ensued and the latter being no match for the trained, musket-armed soldiers of the French were finally subdued. For the next few days peace reigned, but when the right opportunity presented itself a short time later, the red man rose up and massacred almost the entire masculine population of the French settlement and took the women and children as hostages.

Later, however, the French gained another foothold and drove the Indians into the swamps where the women were captured and the Indian braves slain. A few escaped into Louisiana, where they merged

with other tribes and disappeared into history. History records an interesting description of the Natchez people. Their caste system was most rigid. Highest in rank were the "suns" the hereditary ruling families believed by the Indians to be direct descendants of the sun which they worshipped. Then in order came the nobles, "the honored people," and the "stinkards," or slaves and commoners. But it was always possible even for a stinkard to advance at least one degree in caste by sacrificing one of his children or a relative at the funeral of a "sun." Thus some spiritual relationship was established between the poor man and the departed chieftain.

Collins was unable to find any remains of the "sun temple"—the place of the eternal fire and of the sacred pearls—which caused the French missionaries considerable amazement. In the eternally darkened interior of this temple the bones of the dead chiefs, in unbroken line from sun itself, were preserved and, except for the guardians of the fire, only "suns" could enter.



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Keeps Young With Collecting

Merle Crowell told an interesting story quite some time ago about a Doctor Simeon L. Lee, of Carson City, Nev., whose leisure hours were filled with the delight of collecting Indian relics. The story Merle Crowell tells is:

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An afternoon spent with Doctor Lee recently gave me an unforgettable experience. There is a warm, youthful enthusiasm about the man—an enthusiasm that burns steadily in his blue eyes and flickers across his face as he talks.

After serving through the Civil War in the Eighth Illinois Infantry, obtaining a medical degree from a college in Cincinnati, and practicing his profession for three years on the banks of the Little Wabash in Clay County, Illinois, Doctor Lee decided to go West.

One of his uncles had ventured into the Great American Desert with Kit Carson's band in '46, and had settled at Genoa, then Mormon Station, the first white settlement in Nevada. Two other uncles had gone

later. Their colorful letters coaxed the young man to follow them.

When Doctor Lee, with his bride of a few months, landed in Carson, the town was rattling with activity and oozing glamour. The population was as numerous as it is today, and every man's pockets seemed ballasted with twenty-dollar gold pieces. From the emerald waters of Lake Tahoe, in California, a thirty-two-mile flume was dumping millions of feet of pine just south of the town—to be used in timbering the crazy caverns that miners were carving in the bowels of Mt. Davidson, at Virginia City. Carson was a stopping point for five stage lines, and the Virginia and Truckee Railroad, then in the process of construction, had just crept in from the Comstock side.

From the moment of his arrival, the young physician was fascinated with Indian life. The Washoe tribe, which inhabited the rolling land around Carson, was still hunting game with bows and arrows. When a smallpox epidemic broke out, he vaccinated all the children of the tribe and saved scores of lives. In the years that followed, he attended stricken braves, squaws and papooses, often without pay. All the time, however, he was gratifying his passion of the collector.

Gradually he learned many of the secrets of Indian craft and lore that had baffled other investigators.

"One of my greatest rewards came when I finally learned—after vain attempts for twenty-five years—the secret method of making arrowhead," Doctor Lee told me. "An old Indian we whites called 'Poker Charlie' eventually showed me the process. Charlie was one of the two surviving arrowhead makers of the tribe.

"One day, when we were having a particularly friendly chat, I pressed him to make an arrowhead while I looked on.

"No got um rock," he remarked imper turbably.

"When can you get the rock?" I asked.

"He said that a deposit of it could be found on Tom Rickey's ranch in Antelope Valley, about seventy-five miles away. I asked him what he would charge to make the trip and bring some back. He said he

would do it for two dollars and a half, which I gave him.

"I hardly expected to see him or the cash again, but in a week he returned, bringing with him a good sized bundle of bits of obsidian, or volcanic glass."

"All this for two dollars and a half?" I asked.

"Sure." The physician smiled broadly.

"Thus the Indian used to value time. As soon as he had brought the obsidian into my office I asked him to make me an arrowhead. First he called for a piece of buckhorn. Then he demanded a buckskin thong and a piece of "shat-im," or greasewood. With the thong he bound a small pencil-like portion of the horn to the greasewood, so that the horn stuck out a little less than an inch beyond the wooden handle.

"The instrument looked simple enough, but it had necromantic powers when wielded by the aborigines. Feeling carefully along an edge of the obsidian with the point he would suddenly make a quick flip of the wrist and a flake of the obsidian would fly off. Gradually a perfect arrowhead took form."

Fifty of Doctor Lee's collection of arrowheads were fashioned in his back office by Poker Charlie, and twenty-five more were made by Lame Tom, the other surviving arrowhead maker.

"Charlie was forever asking me for money," said Doctor Lee. "One day, rather weary of his importunities, I refused. For some time Charlie sat as still as if he had been stunned. Presently tears began to stream down his cheeks.

"Too bad! too bad!" he wailed, over and over again.

"What's too bad?" I inquired.

"No got um grub. No got um money. And my boy is dead. My poor boy is dead!

"This pitiful appeal was too much. I gave him his usual gratuity. As he was leaving I asked him solicitously when his boy had died. He extended and opened the fingers of both hands twice. The boy had been dead for *twenty years* . . . I guess the joke was on me all right.

"I haven't seen Charlie in several months, and there is a rumor that, Indian fashion, he has gone away alone to the mountains to die. If still alive he is almost unbelievably old"

It is hopeless in a sketch of this sort to attempt even to touch the high spots in this Carson City treasure house. More interesting to me than all of the collections was the man who has made the gathering of them a labor of love and sacrifice.

To live nearly four-score years and find life still packed with wonder and enticement is an accomplishment at which one may well marvel. "It seems a sort of miracle," I remarked to Doctor Lee.

"Miracle nothing!" he exclaimed. "Life is like a house. Keep the windows wide open and the shutters up—and it's always healthy inside. Any man who trains his mind to occupy itself with a variety of wholesome interests is bound to disinherit himself of most of the ills to which flesh is commonly supposed to be heir."

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MODEL MAKING

Matches for Models

Recently a model of the Cathedral of Cologne, made with no fewer than 2,500,000 matches by a young German student, Hans Swaboda, was placed on display in the book section of the Davis Department Store in Chicago. Hundreds of spectators have been awed with the perfection of the minute detail which characterizes this miniature cathedral. Four years were consumed in its making.

Large Types

John J. Toscano, of Bristol, Conn., is another staunch advocate of the pleasures of designing models. Those that he makes are fairly good-sized ones, however, and are for the most part, representative of buildings in or near his vicinity.

One of the latest models which Mr. Toscano is working on is a miniature reproduction of the new Aetna Insurance Company building in Hartford. The Aetna replica occupies a space about four by six feet on the side porch of Mr. Toscano's house. This miniature building stands about three feet high, and comprises four stories, and even contains an elevator, operated by a puller. The interiors of the rooms are wired with miniature colored lights, and at night particularly the whole structure has a fascinating appearance.

Expert at Fifteen

Soap, the bane of many boys' lives, *does* have other uses besides ones of cleanliness. Did you ever try to shave or whittle a cake of soap down so that it took the form of an animal, or a small house, or other objects? It can be done if you have the proper patience and skill.

Robert J. Schultz, a 15-year old student of Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois is a genius in making models, and some of his work has been carved from soap. So good has he become that his work has attracted the attention of architects and artists from all over the country.

At the recent Cincinnati Boys' Hobby Fair, Robert won first prize for his model of the St. Cecilia Church, which is located in Cincinnati. The miniature church is proportioned exactly as the original building. Various layers of masonite and presdwood boards were used in the structure. The windows are mica painted in oil; the window frames are of wood hand carved by using safety razor blades. Flour and salt were used for the plaster. The interior of the model contains altars, statues, pews and decorated windows just as the large one does.

Miniature Car Models

A Berlin, Germany, automobile dealer recently hit upon the novel idea of displaying small models of the machines he was selling. The tiny cars attracted more attention than the big ones without taking up nearly as much space in his showroom, says *Popular Science Monthly*. He also found that they required less attention and did not decrease in value.

Gourds Make Fine Models

Paul Potter, conductor of "Farm and Garden" column in *The Chicago Tribune* tells how one of Chicago's leading merchants, Charles A. Stevens, finds recourse from affairs of business by raising gourds and carving miniature objects from them.

Last year gourd seeds from all portions of the United States were planted on Mr. Stevens lake shore estate at Delavan Lake, Wis. From the seeds planted—300 of them—a growth ensued that covered an arbor 12 feet wide and 86 feet long, and the yield was approximately 3,000 gourds.

Mr. Stevens, carves jewelry, pipes, bottles, pitchers and other models from his crop and his penchant for this hobby has become so strong that it has almost superseded his former hobbies of golf, gardening and Toggenburg goat raising.

In preparing his gourds for model carving, Mr. Stevens says that he removes the outer skin to get a more beautiful exterior. Where varieties are hard to skin, as in the

case of the dipper variety, soaking them in water, he says will facilitate the work.

For any one who has a back yard and the love for model making, gourd raising could be well recommended it appears.

Little Circuses That Never Hit "The Big Trail"

One of the outstanding makers of miniature circuses is Joe W. Taggart, of Rockford, Ill., who has bridled his imagination to actuality and made a perfect reproduction of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus. The miniature one consists of some 30,000 pieces of equipment and requires the greater part of two days to assemble. When set-up it covers 3,200 square feet of space. There are twenty tents, numerous side shows, and even the hot dog stand and ticket wagons in the assembly. One-half inch to the foot was the scale used.

Another who has made a valuable contribution to the miniature circus field is Walter Matthie, 17-year old California lad. His models, done to scale, constitute a replica of Al G. Barnes Wild Animal Circus. Young Matthie constructed his first circus wagon in 1926, and since that time he has added 41 others, many tents and other paraphernalia. At the invitation of the Long Beach Playground and Recreation Commission, a few seasons ago, Matthie exhibited his models at the various playgrounds throughout the city.

A real estate dealer in Binghamton, N. Y., George H. Barlow, is another follower of circus modeling. His big tops are built in sections, lacing together in typical circus fashion with bail rings attached to tiny pulleys to draw the canvas to the tops of the center poles. Barlow is credited with building the largest miniature circus tent ever constructed—21 feet long with five rings, four stages, hippodrome track and 6,440 grandstand seats. To raise this tent 242 poles are required.

John R. Shepard, Chicago miller, also has a love for the circus. He, however, has specialized in the menagerie field, and his specimens include more than 100 varieties of animals and birds—saddle-back tapirs, African gazelles, and many other. Mr.

Shepard believes, it is said, that circus modeling is one of the greatest hobbies in the world.

Architects Builds Clipper Model

George C. Nimmons, senior member of the nationally known architectural firm of Nimmons, Carr & Wright, Chicago, which has designed most if not all of the Sears, Roebuck & Co. buildings throughout the country, has lately developed a yen for miniature marine architecture and miniature ship building. As a result a fine specimen of a model old time Yankee clipper ship now graces Mr. Nimmons' office at 333 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Nimmons speaks of his diversion thus:

"I secured the accurate dimensions and data of one of the best of them and tackled my job with much enthusiasm. The only difference between my undertaking and that of the ship builder was that mine was in miniature—a boat about three feet long, built to a scale of 1-12 of an inch to a foot, just as we build models of buildings to see how they look.

"I never undertook any recreation or amusement that was any more enticing or interesting. As you work upon one of these model ships you come to understand their construction and appreciate the ingenuity and skill employed by the old skippers to get every bit of speed and power for the boat out of the wind.

"The beauty and grace of line of the hull of these ships is copied to a considerable extent in our racing sail boats of today. While these ships, on account of the nature of their rigging, could not go much up into the wind and followed generally the trade winds, still, they sailed all over the world with the American clippers taking the lead in the boat navigation of that day. Skipper MacKay of this country made the astonishing record of sailing his boat to England in nine days.

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Teachers of Newark Public Schools Plan a Hobby Show

THAT teachers as a class favor hobbies is indicated by the announcement of the Newark, N. J. Call that teachers of the New Jersey schools will hold a hobby show during the middle of April. The press notice says:

"Teachers in the Newark public schools are preparing to show that there is something new under the sun, this something being an exhibit of special talents that they possess in fields not directly connected with their professional duties. They will have an arts and crafts exhibition at the Newark Museum from April 13 to 27, and, so far as is known, this will be the first time that any large group of teachers anywhere has staged such a display.

With the endorsement of Henry Young president of the Newark Board of Education, and John H. Logan, superintendent of schools, and with the active co-operation of Miss Beatrice Winsor, museum director, the plans for the event are going forward rapidly. It is expected that several hundred teachers will participate, and the committees in charge of the various activities are beginning to collect the material.

"This will be somewhat in the nature of a hobby show," William W. Klenke of the Central High School faculty and general chairman for the exhibit, explained recently.

"Newark teachers have skill in an amazing variety of fields, and we want to indicate to the public what some of the fields are and the nature of the talents. All the work to be exhibited will be by the teachers themselves, for this affair has nothing to do with the pupils or with pedagogy as such."

Scope of Exhibit

The articles to be shown include furniture, woodcarving, paintings, sculpture, needlecrafts and other examples of feminine handiwork; novels, poems, textbooks and other writings by men and women in the school system; examples of fine printing done in the shops and photographs taken by teachers whose hobby centers on a camera.

In addition plans are being worked out for the teachers of dramatic gifts to produce a play of their own. Other teachers

will provide the scenic, costumes and lighting effects, and still others will take care of the music needed. They may also be some demonstration of plain and fancy dancing by disciples of Terpsichore among the pedagogues.

In some instances teachers who have achieved distinction as lecturers will give addresses on subjects that they have made a special study of. There is even the hope that in some way those teachers who are specialists in preparing fancy foods (they may or may not be in the domestic science department) will have an opportunity to re-

veal their talents, perhaps by serving refreshments.

Basis of Ideas

Mr. Klenke recalled yesterday that several years ago when he was at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn the faculty there held an exhibit of its work, mostly dealing with arts. Ever since coming to Newark, Mr. Klenke has cherished the idea of being able to have the teachers here do the same thing, but on a much broader scale.

Recently a medical society in New York city and its vicinity staged an exhibit of arts and crafts by physicians and it was praised by art critics.

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50 grave beads

2 spears

1 large wampum

1 rain god, very rare

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CENTRALIA

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BOILED DOWN

Collecting newspaper clippings is an inexpensive and ever absorbing hobby. Usually the collector uses his scissors on specific type of reading material akin to his feelings or tastes.

For instance George Starbuck a minister's son, brought up under austere discipline got quite a thrill out of collecting newspaper clippings that pertained to the escapades of ministers.

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Wall paper samples, bright bits of silk or printed cotton are distinctly feminine hobbies. Bits of lace, shoe buttons and pins—pins even of the common variety have sponsors.

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When he was a small boy, John J. Irvine, Clark county clerk, Neillsville, Wis., was unable to join his mates at play because of asthma, and he turned to fancy work. Although he recovered his health, he has never lost interest in needlecraft. His work is regarded as the most beautiful in Neillsville. He does most of his work in the early morning before other members of the family rise.

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Mrs. Valorie Sibothan, of Chicago, writer and authority on dramatic literature, has in her interesting studio on Scott street, among the family heirlooms with which it is furnished, two powder horns which were carried by a maternal and a paternal ancestor in the Revolutionary War, both of which still contain some of the powder.

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Jim Tyson, Chicago, has many pipes, several of which he collected in far lands.

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There is a curious relic of civil war days at the city of Grinnell, Ia. It is related by the *Herald* that, when the civil war was in progress, a citizen of that place was pondering on the question of his duty to enlist as he swung a scythe. Suddenly he made up his mind to go to war. He hung up his scythe in the crotch of a tree on a lot owned

by Mrs. A. B. Mack. The blade is still there, deeply imbedded in the wood of the tree. It is considered a valuable memento of the mental struggle of one veteran and it is likely that the tree will be cut down and that portion which contains the scythe will be sent to the state historical department at Des Moines.

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Along the trails and in the camps of prospectors and miners who roamed the California and Nevada deserts fifty years ago seeking gold, other searchers today are finding new treasures in the form of old sun-baked glassware, transmuted to objects of art by the alchemy of the sun, says *Popular Mechanics Magazine*. As a result of long years of exposure to the sunlight, common glass, hand-blown half a century ago, has been found to acquire a delicacy of tinting in mauve and purple that is considered superior to any manufactured product.

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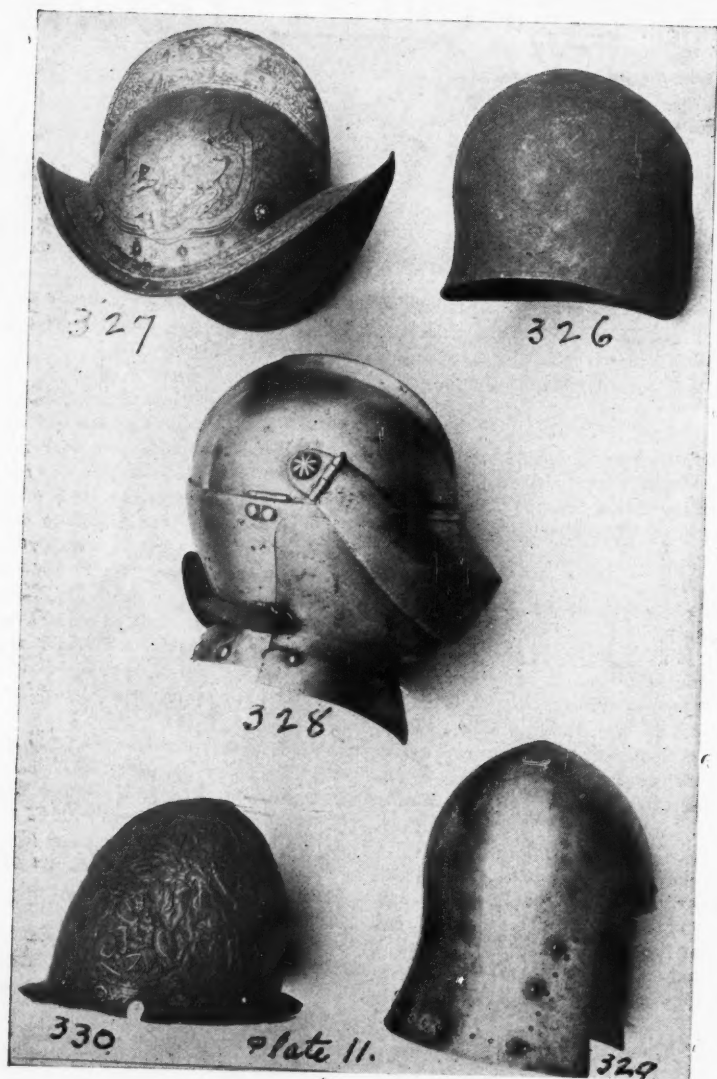
Many valentines, more than 100 years old, are in a collection of approximately 2,000 belonging to Frank H. Baer, Cleveland, Ohio. His collection is said to be the finest in the world. "The sentiment in those of 100 years ago is about the same as in valentines of today," he said.

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The greatest collection of St. Patrick's relics ever assembled will be brought to Ireland for the international exhibition to be held at Cork in 1932. The collection will be made from all parts of the world as there are now few St. Patrick relics in Ireland.

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Who played on a pair of flutes found recently in Gypsum Cave, Nevada? Students of primitive man say these flutes, and small darts called "atlatl" found with them, are the most important ethnological discoveries ever made in America. In the opinion of M. R. Harrington, curator of the Southwest Museum, they prove that human beings lived in America 20,000 years ago, *Popular Science Monthly* reports.



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Gathering wild flowers for sale is the way Mrs. Frank Bevin, a 73-year-old great-grandmother of Quincy, Mass., has been earning a living for twenty years. Old enough to have nine children of her own, thirty-six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, this sprightly little woman still walks miles through the woods to gather the wild flowers leaves, pussywillows, and greens.

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And last, but by no means least, Carl Sandburg, beloved poet of the Middle West, calls attention to the prairies and the western trails with an interesting variety of names. Says he, "Plug-head Gulch was the name of

a mining town in California in the 1850s. Not far from it was Shirt-Tail canyon. We have this from Alexander Hannah, who collects 'em. These are some more: Gouge Eye, Greenhorn canyon, Loafer hill, Luke ravine, Shanghai hill, Mad canyon, Guano hill, Slap Jack bar, Skunk gulch, Rattlesnake bar, Piety hill, Grizzly flat, Rough and Ready, Hog's Diggings, Rat Trap slide, Ragtown, Brandy gulch, Pike hill, Sugar-Loaf hill, Liberty hill, Port Wine, Poker flat, Loveletter camp, Mud spring."

These diversities and others like them, serve to amuse the collector and add a colorful and pleasant note to every day existence.

A GOLD MINE IN JUNK

Thus read a headline from *The New York Times*. The story was thus:

Otto Klein, art dealer, strolling into a pawnbroker's shop in Vienna where an auction was in progress, took a fancy to a crayon drawing of a woman resting on a sofa. He bid \$11.50 and walked out with it. An hour later he was offered \$1,200 for the same portrait. He declined the offer. A profit of 1,000 per cent failed to interest the owner of Claude Monet's "A Lady on a Sofa," for such was the picture that \$11.50 had bought.

The pawnbroker's shop is only one of many obscure nooks in which canny connoisseurs have pried in recent years with the dream that from the dust of decades or centuries they may rescue the forgotten painting of a master. Garrets and cellars, barns and even rubbish heaps have yielded their treasures. The collector enjoys no greater thrill than retrieving a forgotten but beautiful old canvas.

A work by a recognized craftsman may be worth \$1,000 or \$100,000. Even \$1,000,000 is not an unprecedented figure. The man who discovers a gold mine is no more fortunate than he who buys an old master for a song—and learns of his luck before he has sold it for another song. Not always is it the shrewd art dealer who resurrects a forgotten masterpiece; nor is it always the uninformed layman who unsuspectingly parts from a treasure in return for a fraction of its worth.

More Than a Frame

Not so long ago a dealer attended an auction of the goods of the Dortmund family of Germany, who were moving to Holland. He bid \$5 for a faded portrait, secretly congratulating himself upon obtaining a splendid old frame for that amount. He had no use for the picture and sold it to an antique dealer for a trifling sum. The antique dealer proved to be shrewder than the art dealer, who saw only an impressive frame. He had experts carefully clean off several coats of dust and varnish. Disclosed to view was a profile portrait of Henry IV of France, adjudged by connoisseurs to be a genuine Rubens.

While luck has played a similar part in many other transactions of like nature, the odds are naturally in favor of the dealer. He may be young and obscure, but if he has the eye and intellect, the "feeling," as some of the fraternity like to express it, his opportunities are comparable with those of the most famed.

I. J. Sheimberg, representing a large private gallery in New York, attended one day a sale of the collection of Dr. George R. Reuling of Baltimore. A painting 10 by 14½ inches depicting the Holy Family was put up for auction. The painting had all the appearance of extreme age, and, in addition, was labeled "By Rubens."

A Fake Discovered

Dealers and experts glanced at the label and smiled knowingly, for thousands of im-

positions have borne the names of famous artists. The surface of the painting was covered with varnish cut across with a thousand little cracks, resembling varnish several hundred years old. "That's fake surfacing," said one dealer, running the top of his finger across it. His friends nodded. Nobody wanted a counterfeit. With amused smiles they heard Mr. Sheimberg bid \$110. The picture was his.

A few months later, after the canvas had been carefully cleaned and submitted to experts, Dr. G. Frank Muller, a well-known authority, signed a statement saying of the picture that it "is not a copy or a replica, but an original production from the master's studio, and the figures of the Virgin and the Christ child I consider from the master's own hand."

The adage that knowledge is power—in the art dealer's business, the power to buy a gem for a joke—was again illustrated by Karl Loevenich. When "Arab Dealer Among His Antiques," said to be a masterpiece by Charles Bague, was placed on exhibition three years ago Mr. Loevenich told how he had discovered it.

Believed It Doctored

He was prying through the stock in a shop here when he chanced upon what the owner believed to be a "doctored" lithograph. The painting salesman took it out of his hand. "Don't bother about that," he said, "It's something I got stung with."

"Let me see it. I like to be stung," said

the customer. "What do you want for it?"

The owner thought rapidly. If Mr. Loevenich wanted it, it must be worth something, so he demanded \$200. The purchaser walked out without waiting to have his buy wrapped. Later, when it was exhibited, it was valued at \$25,000.

It may be the art dealer who is most likely to acquire an old master for a song, but, if one might judge from the experience of Tom Perry, an upholsterer in Harlesdon, a suburb of London, everyone has a chance. Eight years ago a stranger interrupted Perry's work to unwrap a picture of a sleeping figure. Perry was attracted by the beauty of the picture, and still more so by the frame. The stranger sold it to him for \$50.

When Mrs. Perry learned of the purchase she was dismayed, but when she saw the frame she decided it was worth the price. She hung it in the home. Later, no purchaser of the frame having appeared, Perry took the picture to the loft of his work shop lest his children injure the frame. Months later an art dealer called and asked to see the picture.

"How much will you take for it?"

Perry asked the dealer to make a suggestion. He said later that if the dealer had offered \$75 or \$100 he would have accepted. But the dealer offered \$200, thereby arousing Perry's suspicions. Dealer after dealer came until a year ago the Perrys accepted \$21,000. The picture is now valued at \$150,000. It is known as Tintoretto's "Diana and Endymion."

Philadelphia Promotion

Boys who are interested in modeling, collecting, etc., can look forward very soon to some good news from Philadelphia. The "Philadelphia Inquirer" has recently extended an invitation to boys between the ages of seven and seventeen to exhibit at the Hobby Fair to be held in that city in May in conjunction with "Boys Week."

The invitation for the exhibit suggests models, such as little ships, houses, theatre, freight yard, miniature automobiles and escalators. "What a pretty model it would be," suggests the newspaper, "to have a hospital ambulance with white-clad internes and nurses!" Minerals, coins and what not are also offered as suggestions for exhibits.

Beautiful ship models and models of airplanes have been features of the exhibits held in the past.

World War Scrap Books

Mrs. Charles Channing Allen, Kansas City, Mo., recently presented a "World War Scrap Book" that she compiled to the Liberty Memorial Association of that city. It will be placed in the reference library of the association. The book covers the entire period of the war, replete with literature pictures, maps, and cartoons and attention especially given the units of Kansas City. The donor presented same in memory of her son, David Channing Allen, who died May 26, 1928.

Philadelphia "Hobbiests"

Folks in the "city of brotherly love" are apparently hobby minded. The "Philadelphia Enquirer" has promoted hobby show activities to good account. The "Philadelphia Public Ledger" recently carried this story written by Ann Hark in which the city's leaders are depicted in their favorite hobbies.

Every man to his taste—but what astonishing tastes some people have!

You'll hardly expect a sculptor to go in for complicated mechanical inventions, or a prize-fighter for voice culture, or a neurologist for sand modeling. But those are merely a few examples of the way well-known Philadelphians spend their leisure hours.

Take Philip H. Johnson, architect. Mr. Johnson may be an architect during office hours, but in his spare time he's an ardent yachtsman. Owner of several fine yachts, he holds the post of commodore of the Philadelphia Yacht Club and vice commodore of the Larchmont Yacht Club on Long Island Sound.

Take also William M. Anderson, builder. On his farm near Valley Forge Mr. Anderson has one of the finest herds of blooded cattle in the United States, worth close to \$1,000,000. Mr. Johnson's delight in his spare time is to exhibit his stock at fairs throughout the country.

Doctor Models in Sand

Dr. Daniel J. McCarthy, eminent neurologist, spends his summers in Ventnor, N. J., and almost every day he is there you will find him on the beach, the center of a group of eager children who delight in the birds and busts and animals he models from the wet sand.

Alba B. Johnson, former head of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, has passed his

seventieth birthday, but that fact has no bearing on his hobby—golf.

David Kirschbaum is a clothing manufacturer, but in leisure time he is an enthusiasts student of traffic problems.

Students are familiar with the name of Dr. James H. Penniman, brother of Provost Penniman, of the University of Pennsylvania, as the author of numerous educational works, but few know that Dr. Penniman is also an ardent baseball fan.

Dabble in Mechanics

The sculpture of Guiseppe Donato and the music of Josef Hofmann are known everywhere, but the fact that these artists spend their free hours dabbling with all sorts of mechanical devices is not so well known. Mr. Donato has patented, among other things, an invention having to do with the improvement of telephone reception, while Mr. Hofmann recently perfected an oil-burning furnace which he uses in the heating of his home.

Lessing J. Rosenwald is given to chess and the collection of Rembrandt prints; Dr. Herbert J. Tily, president of the Strawbridge & Clothier store, is never happier than when he is trying out a new organ or composing a bit of music; A. Atwater Kent has a collection of automobiles of various makes and vintages; William A. Carr, lawyer, has an entire room of his home devoted to manuscripts and books and objects of having to do with Abraham Lincoln.

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The oldest one was given to her as a keepsake by her father, Henry Berghuis, 276 Ionia avenue. It is a fancy creation adorned with gold-tinted lace and contains a sentimental verse, similar to the verse found in present day love missives sent upon the day of St. Valentine.

"I'll Trust You" was a most common phrase on the valentines of long ago, according to Mrs. Riekels.

The one 40 years old was once received by her aunt, Mrs. Jake Goris, now of Lafayette, Ind., but formerly known as Lena Berghuis, of Muskegon.

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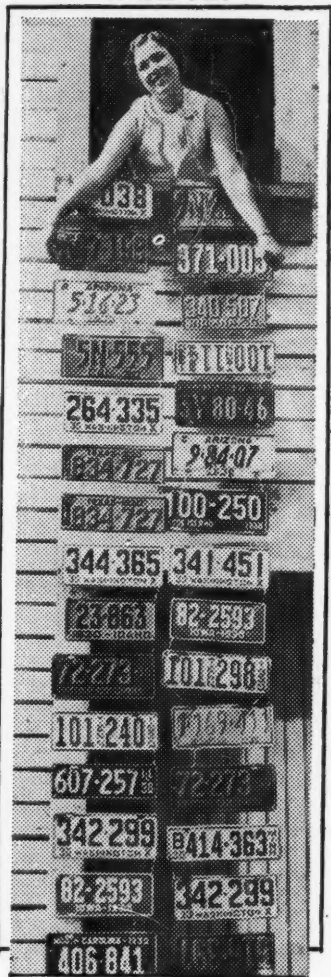
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COLLECTS BOTTLES

Boston claims one of the prize bottle collectors—a woman. A Boston press notice says:

"One of the prize bottle collectors of the world is a woman. If you don't believe it see the collection of Norma Sherburne of Rumford, R. I., a junior in Boston University's College of Liberal Arts. Then if you are still skeptical you might get in touch with the old storekeepers, bartenders, fisherman, junkmen, sailors, college professors and others who have been caught unawares and lost their bottles to this tall blonde co-ed."

"I have been bottle-minded for over two years, ever since I saw my first really interesting bottle," Miss Sherburne explained, in describing her hobby which has resulted in a collection of nearly 100 unusual bottles.

"After obtaining one or two odd bottles rather casually," she said, "I suddenly decided to keep on adding to my collection. I never have spent a single cent for any bottle and they probably would not be worth a nickel to any one else but myself."

"Her bottles range in age from 150 years downward. They are all sizes, shapes and types. The bottles come in brown, red, orange, green, blue, black and white, in pottery crackled, smoked, cut, pressed and iridescent glass and the earthenware variety.

"The largest of the collection is an old vinegar bottle from the back room of a country store." "It had been in the store over twenty-five years and still contained vinegar when it was given to me," said Miss Sherburne. "It is not only the largest but one of the most unusual in my collection, made in the old days when vinegar was put up for families of ten or twelve members. The smallest ones in the collection are about two inches high and origin-

ally contained samples from Bermuda.

"Exclusive dumps are the most fruitful sources of old bottles. I have about ten bottles from dumps in the rear of big summer hotels and cottages of the sort one sees in Newport. Dumps of this type added ten specimens to my collection. The second best source is beach combing and bottle fishing along the coast where rum-runners often are forced to push their loads overboard. A third source is fraternity houses. Any back alley will yield a variety of bottles, but most of them will be ordinary ketchup and ginger ale variety.

"I have received bottles from army officers, sailors and one from a college professor. Other sources are a Stewart at a country club on Long Island, an old car barn, a dining car, fraternity house and back room in a bank.

"My collection isn't entirely low-brow. The old brown earthenware jugs saw prosperous times of the Civil War and the 150-year-old Scotch whiskey bottle, the English gin bottles, the Italian wine bottles and the top-heavy Holland gin containers are among the oddest. Two etched varieties and three or four with basket woven straw covers are included.

"The experiences I have had in gathering the specimens are almost as valuable to me as the collection itself," Miss Sherburne said. "Many policemen have gotten a good laugh out of my hobby when they have asked me why I am continually scraping around dumps. I usually stop and explain to them and they invariably take it as the year's best joke. New Year's morning is the best single day of the year for bottle collectors. After folks are back to normal I make the rounds. I got two good ones this year."

College Activities

College students of the Culver-Stockton college at Canton, Mo., recently displayed many relics of interest during the celebration of the seventy-eighth anniversary of the school—the oldest co-educational college west of the Mississippi river.

One of the objects to catch the eyes of the feminine visitors particularly was a fluffy green bonnet, reminiscent of the days

when the co-eds wore green and white uniforms as specified by the administration of the school, and on certain days in spring changed to pink uniforms.

A collection of text books used in the school between 1850 and 1870 was shown also.

A group of old pictures and likewise old programs, alumni menus, souvenirs of games, etc. were other objects in the collection.

A Full Fledged Hobby Specialist

By Fred High, of Chicago, as told sometime ago in "The Piedmont Herald" Piedmont, W. V.

WILLIAMSPORT, a small village of perhaps three or four families, is situated far up in the "tall-timbers" of West Virginia. After a drive of twenty-five miles from the main line of the B. & O. R. R., from Keyser, the most convenient express office, or railroad station, one will arrive at the home of Vause W. Marshall. Vause is one of my interesting friends. I have known him from infancy. He was born during the flowery days of May in 1880, and is still a youngster. We traveled around Westernport, Md., together. I acted as his pilot and he occupied the baby carriage. His father was a blacksmith, employed by the late Sen. Henry G. Davis, when the latter was barely beginning his great mining and railroad career. This, of course, was long before Mr. Davis ran for Vice-President on the ticket with Alton B. Parker.

About this time the Georges Creek went on a rampage and completely wiped out our play-grounds. The Marshalls, for want of a more isolated spot, moved back to the mountains, where a new blacksmith shop was opened and where young Vause grew up. He engaged in the country mercantile business, and for twenty-five years dispensed nails, nutmegs, horse-collars, clothes pins, molasses and the endless variety of items that are usually found in the small "department stores" of the rural sections. Twelve years of this period he was postmaster of all the territory lying between the two gigantic mountains and a small patch of blue sky overhead. He licked stamps, acted as private secretary for the mountain folk, and learned the personal affairs of all those living in a radius of many miles around the village. From the very day he opened his store he followed a strictly cash or pay-in-advance plan, and refused to take "eggs and butter" in exchange for his wares. At that time it was nearly the universal custom for merchants to do a

credit and trade business.

During his spare time, when whittling was scarce, he travelled in and out of his isolation and become acquainted with much of the outside and its people. From childhood, he had been a constant reader, trying to make up for what he missed at the little red school house. Early in his course he developed a liking for early American history.

The Beginning of His Hobbies

Four years ago, he dipped into the antique, relic and historical book and document game in earnest, and, in spite of his location, he is meeting with success. He did not sit down and fold his arms and expect orders to come, but he went after the work determined to win.

Mountain folks care little for antiques, rare books, or autographs, and Marshall would long ago have starved if his business had depended upon their patronage. Mountaineers are the type that are more likely to envy success than to help it along. But Marshall started drumming up business entirely by

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correspondence, which has borne fruit from the beginning. His original letters announcing his offerings, seldom miss the mark, and his customers are among America's most celebrated people.

As an example of his methods: Few people remember, if they ever knew, that the late blind merchant-prince, Charles Broadway Rouss, when engaged in the small store business in Winchester, Va., during the heated days of the Civil War, was so bitterly opposed to abolition, that he offered, in one of his advertisements, a cash reward of \$20,000.00 for the scalp of Lincoln. Even Rouss' son disputed the advertisement until Marshall unearthed it and sold it to the son for a handsome sum.

Resourceful

Marshall wrote Henry Ford, the auto-

mobile magnate, offering him a peck o' wooden shoe pegs at a less price than Mr. Ford could grow the timber and whittle them into shape. The great auto manufacturer immediately sent his order for all the pegs Vause could get together. Vause packed the shoe pegs in a crate of old-time tin-topped candy jars, which we older children remember as housing the tall sticks of peppermint candy, with an occasional stick o' hoarhound to add variety. Mr. Ford came back with a check and more orders, and up at Sudbury and Dearborn there are many interesting additions to the famous Ford Historical Museums, which were unearthed and supplied by Vause W. Marshall, the West Virginia mountaineer antique collector.

One collector of early lamps, whose collection is considered the largest in the country, numbering over 10,000 specimens, thought he had them all until Marshall started out and unearthed and sent him one of the most interesting in his lot, known as the stone Esquimaux lamp which, in the early days of the six months winter at the North Pole, burned the tail of the candle-fish for illumination.

Houdini, the great magician, was hard to fool, but Marshall kept him guessing and supplied him with many queer books, which he so much loved to peer over.

Vause has even unearthed early racing records for New York racing experts that they did not know existed.

His correspondence is heavy! It comes from Presidents of Railroad systems, celebrated people in all parts of the country, and he has shipped his wares as far off as Spain. He enjoys the game and enjoys the thrill of surprising his customer with the rare items.

Vause traveled over 6,000 miles last year, in search of material. His favorite pastime is combing through the attics under which dwelt the famous families of the South. He unearthed and marketed the famous Thomas Jefferson official correspondence regarding the surrender of Cornwallis; also the original documents and letters pertaining to the bombardment of Fort Sumpter, and the official papers of the very beginning of the great Civil War.

His is an interesting business, and it is conducted far from the habitation of the throngs. He just informs me that he has an urgent order for letters and objects which were used in the Southland to illu-

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